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## \$1,000,000 WENT UP IN GODOWN SMOKE

### Nine Hurt In Fire Which Guts Building In Seconds FINE WORK BY FIREMEN

Damage officially estimated at well over HK\$1,000,000 was caused by the spectacular fire which injured nine people and gutted Godown 46 on Kowloon Wharf last evening.

Several of 50 firemen, who fought the blaze since shortly after 6.30 p.m. and prevented it spreading to neighbouring godowns stacked with tons of goods, were still standing by early this morning to control the smouldering remains.

Soon after the blaze began through an unknown cause two explosions rocked the waterfront and a column of bituminous smoke billowed 200 feet.

The godown, containing drums of bitumen and quantities of paint at one end, was burning fiercely before the first fire engine had time to reach it from the Kowloon fire station about 150 yards away.

The fire and explosions originated in this section and flames quickly spread to the recently-constructed portion, containing bales of paper and fibreglass, on Salisbury Road.

The nine casualties included a boy of seven and a boy of 17 months who he was carrying on his back while walking along Canton Road. The remainder were tri-cycle drivers who parked their vehicles near the Police Station steps. They were all detained at Kowloon Hospital suffering from burns.

#### Worst Fire

All the roads surrounding the scene of the fire were packed with spectators controlled by police. The full force of the Kowloon Emergency Unit, under Sub-Inspector Wall and Oliver, was turned out for duty.

The fire was the most disastrous to occur since the war, and was the worst fire loss suffered by the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, with the exception of one caused by gunfire during the battle for Hong Kong.

The godown and its contents were insured with the Hong Kong Fire Office and the Union Fire Insurance Company.

Before the first fire appliance could arrive at the scene (a matter of a minute) Godown 46 was a mass of flames and smoke, with the bales of paper and fibreglass well alight. Two more fire engines, under Divisional Officer V.C. Seymour and Station Officer C.C. Caynes, arrived shortly after.

#### Roof Caves In

Hoses were run along Salisbury Road, Canton Road, and inside the godown compound and, within a few minutes, over 100 hoses were played on the building and its contents. By 6.45 p.m. the roof caved in with a terrific noise, and firemen began to pour water into the sea of the flames from the slope leading to the Water Police Station.

Such was the heat at this time that personnel of the Tsimtsatui Police Station, under the supervision of Divisional Superintendent A. Pittendrigh and Chief Inspector W. Gowans, played an emergency fire hose on to the roof of the wooden garage in the compound near the godown, as well as on the trees on the slope.

Members of the force attached to the Station were issued with steel helmets and given orders to "Stand by." Motor vehicles of the station were moved to a location, as were some wives and children of the officers with quarters in that old wooden building.

#### More Explosions

Immediately following two further explosions at 6.50 p.m. smoke and pieces of charred paper were blown about 200 feet into the air. This was followed by a succession of explosions like machine-gun fire which were thought to be caused by the snapping of the iron binders around the bales of paper and fibreglass.

While the firemen were fighting a battle against terrific odds, workmen of the Kowloon Godowns were busily removing goods including drums of inflammable glucose from Godowns 50 and 51, situated just in front of the burning building.

Mr. Chas. E. Terry, the general manager and secretary, Mr. J. Moodie, the assistant manager, and members of the Wharf Police supervised the work. Hoses were run from Fire Boat No. 2, under Acting Deputy Chief Officer H. Tiplady, tied up at the Kowloon Police Pier, through the Godown compound on to Godown 46 and the adjoining building.

#### RASC Assist

At 7.35 p.m. an Army fire tender of the RASC arrived to give a helping hand, followed by another two tenders at 8 p.m. Mr. K. A. Bidmead (Officer Commanding Kowloon and New Territories), Divisional Superintendents E. C. Luskcombe and Wright-Noot, Chief Inspector S. T. Foran, Mr. L. B. Whelan (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence), Mr. Charles Mottram (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence), and Inspector J. Hunter (Officer-in-Charge, Kowloon Traffic Office), were some of the high ranking Government officers on the scene.

As the fire began to spread, occupants of the shops outside the Kowloon Godowns at Salisbury Road began to remove some of their furniture and cashed goods. Occupants of flats facing the godowns at Canton Road got panicky and, with their clothing and household effects carried on their backs and children holding on to their hands, made for safer zones.

The roof of the godown at the Canton Road and Salisbury Road corner caught fire shortly before 8 p.m. and firemen, under DO Seymour, mounted the roof of the taller building at the back and played five hoses on it.

#### Firemen Fall

Shortly before 9 p.m. two firemen fell off the short ladder placed against the wall at Canton Road and had to be helped to the Kowloon Fire Brigade terminus for treatment. Fortunately, their injuries were not serious. Passengers to and from Hong Kong were diverted on to the pavements along the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station and the path between the Station and the Kowloon Post Office.

Flames going to Tsimtsatui were deflected to the Holt's Wharf end of Salisbury Road and round to Middle Road, with the terminus behind the Far East Motor Co., while taxis were parked outside the Holt's Wharf where the former reserve taxi stand used to be.

The fire was still smouldering early this morning, with several fire-fighters standing by.



FIREMEN at the Sallsbury Road end of the godown (above) try to stop flames from catching hold of the block of shops and godown next door.

(at left):—

FROM HONG KONG: the column of smoke resembled a miniature atom-bomb cloud.



A COLUMN of thick bituminous smoke billows into the air above the burning godown shortly after the outbreak at 6.30 p.m.

## Okamura Pleads Not Guilty To Massacre

Shanghai, August 23.

Lieutenant-General Yasutsugu Okamura, 63-year-old former commander-in-chief of the Japanese land forces in China, pleaded not guilty when he faced a special Chinese seven-man military tribunal here this morning on charges of having condoned the massacres of civilians by the troops under his command.

The trial, held in the auditorium of the former Japanese residents club, amid a big crowd, floodlights and cameras, adjourned indefinitely, possibly for the verdict next week.

The prosecutor, Mr. Wang Hsin-mei, said Okamura should be held responsible for five specifications of atrocious charges but conceded Okamura had been faithful to the capitulation terms "possibly out of respect of President Chiang Kai-shek or his own (emperor)." The prosecutor said Okamura undoubtedly failed to take precautions in preventing atrocities knowing when he became Commander-in-Chief that the discipline of Japanese troops was the poorest.

The three defence counsel, assigned Okamura by the court, gratis pleaded that Okamura had

done his best in taking precautions against atrocities.

#### Issued Orders

Mr. Eugene Y. V. Kiang, defence attorney, pointed out that Okamura issued written orders to his command forbidding killings, arson and molesting of Chinese civilians, and also revised the Japanese military code, making rape punishable even without a complaint.

The defence claimed he ought to be acquitted. Four Japanese witnesses were called. All of them were convicted war criminals and serving prison terms ranging from 11 years to life. These included Li-Gens, Z. Otinal, M. Shishita, M. Itunabiki, and Maj-Gen. T. Nishioaka.

They testified that their former commander, Okamura, took all precautions to prevent atrocities. Okamura, 67, said as a Japanese and a Japanese army officer, he was awfully sorry for what happened, but that it was his obligation and he had no moral obligation but no legal obligation.

The prosecutor pointed out his troops had faithfully carried out Okamura's aggressive attacks on Chinese cities so how could it be explained they failed to carry out his orders for better discipline?

#### Only Justice

He said unless such persons as Okamura were punished "we cannot justify ourselves to many Chinese cities so how could it be explained they failed to carry out his orders for better discipline?" However, the prosecutor said, he was not asking for vengeance but only justice.

## Supplementary Provision

A supplementary provision of HK\$2,200,172 for the fourth quarter of the last financial year ended March 31, 1947, will be presented to the Legislative Council tomorrow for approval.

Included in the various items of expenditure is HK\$789,285 for high cost of living and rehabilitation allowances. This is a result of previous underestimation and revised salary scales.

The biggest item of expenditure is HK\$2,303,125 for civil pensions, retiring allowances and gratuities. Other expenditure includes HK\$326,161 for transport of government servants; HK\$535,295 for Widows and Orphans Pension; HK\$398,327 for clothing and accountants; HK\$293,500 for transport (Public Works); and HK\$236,473 for passage for police officers.

## HK SANATORIUM BUYS UP LAND

12,400-square-foot piece of land in Ventris Road, was bought by the Hong Kong Sanatorium (Yeung Wo Hospital) yesterday at the Crown Land Auction for HK\$155,100. A representative of the Sanatorium was the only bidder.

The land, purchased at HK\$100 above the upset price, is to be used for staff quarters, the representative told the "China Mail" at the auction. The land lies between the Ventris Road Government Quarters, a row of red brick houses—and the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Crown rent is HK\$670 a year.

The new owner will have to expend not less than HK\$100,000 in rentable improvements. The building proposed to be erected will have to be completed within 12 months.

On the land at present stands the "skeleton" of the former "Wesley House." It had been the residence of the Chaplain of the Methodist Naval and Garrison Church, and was constructed

more than 20 years ago. It was damaged during the war.

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## Russians Release American

Berlin, August 23. The Russians today released Mr. Thomas Hazden, American Military Government official, and Mr. Franz Erdmann, director of the Soviet sector German police, was released without trial by the Western Powers.

Mr. Hazden was seized by the Russians on Sunday as he attempted to take pictures at Potsdam Platz just within the Soviet sector. He was released early this afternoon.

The released American reached Roosevelt Barracks, American Military Police headquarters, at 1.25 p.m. in the custody of an American police liaison officer who had gone to meet him at the Soviet Central Kommandantur shortly after noon.

The Russian authorities had notified by telephone that Mr. Hazden would be released.

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## Pioneer Trawlers Forced Back To HK

Typhoon seas forced two pioneering deep sea fishing trawlers to return here after five hours of fishing 120 miles South West of Hong Kong.

The Chung Yu No. 1 and No. 2, the first two Diesel-propelled fishing vessels to venture into deep water south of the colony, arrived yesterday with 3,400 catties of fish, which sold at a good price, totalling HK\$3,800.

The Formosa-built 80-ton trawlers travelled more than 100 miles through rough seas at two knots. Despite the heavy buffeting and unceremonious tossing, they arrived here without any damage at all. The only "casualties" were two apprentices, sent by the Aberdeen Fisheries School, who were sea sick throughout the voyage.

The trawlers fished in circumstances which would be impossible for ordinary fishing junks or even a single trawler to fish. Mr. Tiao Tai, Manager of the Yan-Chuen Fishery Company of Shanghai, said. The vessels had to keep apart at 500 feet to prevent any possible accidents while the vessels lurched and tossed in the heavy seas.

The nets were thrown with some difficulty, but no accident occurred during the five hours. Normally they trawled together about 60 feet apart.

The engines were in motion at all times, and despite the high waves and strong winds, the vessels managed to keep their course. The trawlers were fishing in 60-fathom deep waters.

#### Last Venture

The Chung Yus will leave today for the fishing grounds for their fifth and last venture. Their next trip will be to deep waters 200 miles East of Hong Kong in the open seas. That will be by the end of September, Mr. Tiao Tai said when the typhoon season will set in. Joining the Chung Yus at the new ground will be their sister ships, the Yan Chuen No. 1 and No. 2. These will leave Shanghai at the end of next month and after fishing at the autumn fishing grounds will come to Hong Kong. From then onwards the four

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## The Weather

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Pressure is relatively high from Central China to Manchuria.  
Today's Forecast: Moderate SE winds. Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 80.3 deg. F. Minimum: 78.4 deg. F. Sunshine: 7.6 hours.  
Rainfall: 2.5 mm.—0.09 in. Total since Jan. 1—1596.0 mm.—62.84 in. as against an average of 1610.2 mm.—63.89 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.  
Bar. at sea level 1002.2 1005.6 m.b.  
Winds 29.40 29.55 inches  
Rel. Humidity 65 65 %  
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Wind Direction 10 0. China  
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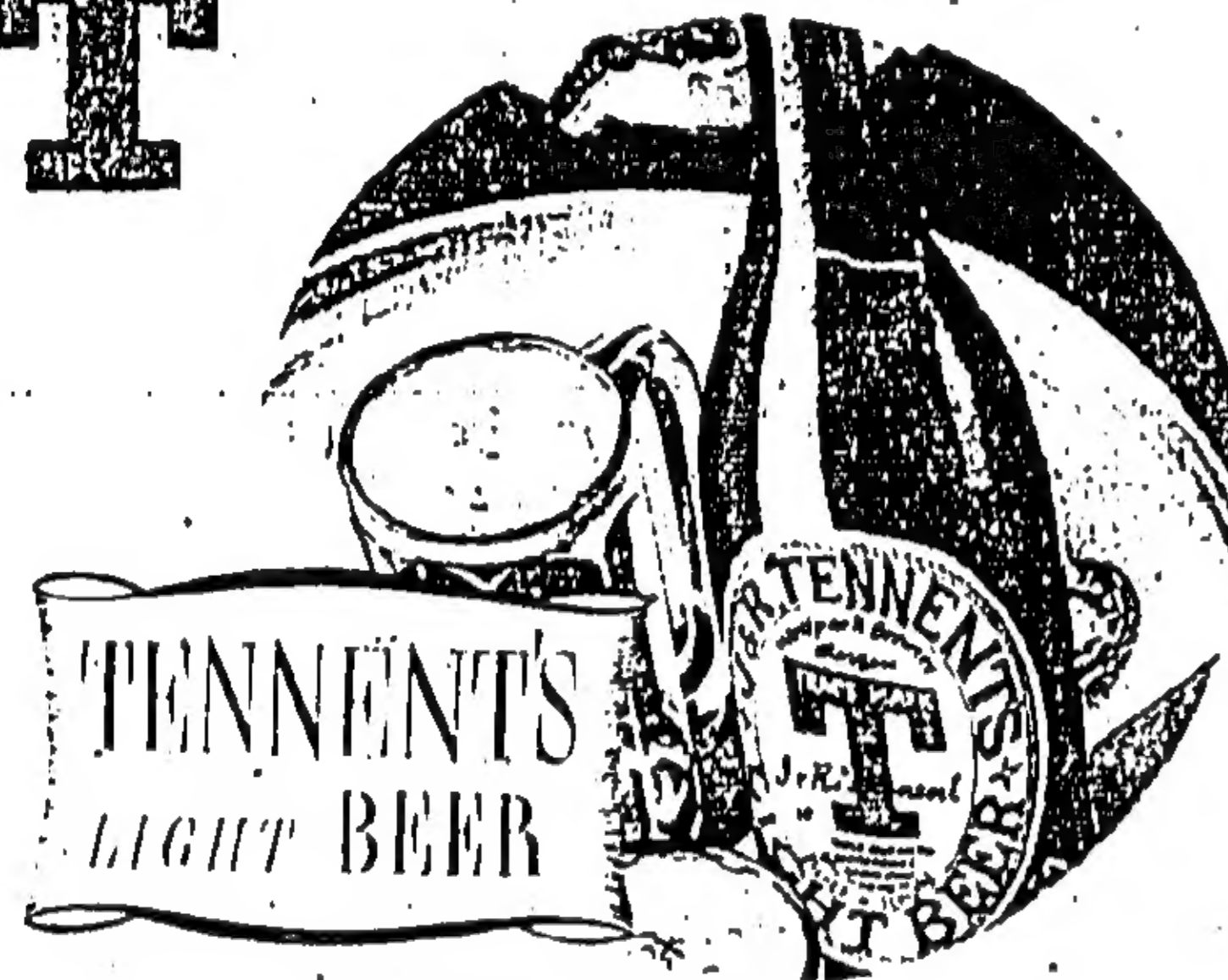
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## ONE OF THE BIGGEST DIVANS FOR MONTHS

Described as "one of the biggest divans we have had for many months," 241 Kilong Street, first floor, was raided by Sub-Inspector J. Holmes on Saturday night, and the keeper and 16 smokers arrested.

### Opium Ordinance Offenders

Nine groups of offenders against the Opium Ordinance were brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Chan Chun-fung, aged 18, the keeper of the divan on the first floor of 68 Lower Lascar Row was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and five smokers received a fine of \$50 each or 15 days.

Chan Leung, aged 43, the keeper of a heroin divan on the ground floor of 29 MacGregor Street, was remanded one week pending an analysis report on the heroin pills.

Gwong to the presence of nine heroin pipes, the smokers were dealt with and were each fined \$125 or 15 days.

Yeung San-yip, aged 29, keeper of the divan on the roof of No. 58 Connaught Road West was sentenced to six months and six smokers fined \$50 each or 10 days.

Tai Lo, aged 36, keeper of the divan on the first floor of 26 Tai Yuen Lane, received four months' imprisonment, and 10 smokers got \$50 or 10 days.

Lam Tsan, aged 36, keeper of a divan at an unnumbered hut in South Lane received a sentence of four months and four smokers got \$50 each or 10 days.

Tak Chuk-kan, aged 40, keeper of a divan on the roof of No. 3 New Market Street received four months and the three smokers got \$50 each or 10 days.

Li Kam-shui, aged 36, living on the roof of No. 1 Ko Shing Street, admitted possession of prepared opium, one opium pipe and one lamp, received four months' imprisonment.

Chan Sze, aged 51, of No. 12 Ko Shing Street, first floor, admitted possession of prepared opium, one pipe and lamp, received a fine of \$400 or two months.

Yuen Wah, aged 37, of No. 3

The dive, according to Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans, occupied half of the flat and half of the verandah, with seven beds, seven pipes, 15 lamps and 62 pots (about eight mace) of prepared opium, and was a very well organised one.

The keeper, Pui Tai, was sentenced to a total of six months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday to keeping the divan and possession of prepared opium. Twelve of the 16 smokers were fined \$50 each, and the four absentees had their bail of \$75 forfeited. Taking into account the \$19.50 were donated to the 'Poor Box'.

With two previous convictions for a similar offence, Wong Loi was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Wicks on the charges of keeping an opium divan and possession of a mace of prepared opium at 0 Woosung Street, first floor.

**Apparatus Seized**  
The premises were raided by Inspector J. H. Evans on Saturday and two pipes, one pipe head, 10 pots of opium, a brass bowl used for mixing opium, and a desk with a false bottom seized.

The sole smoker found on the premises was fined \$50, while, on the application of Inspector J. Orem, the opium and smoking paraphernalia and furniture were confiscated.

Sub-Inspector Fung Loi found Leung Ping, six smokers, six pipes, seven lamps, eight pots of prepared opium, and \$7.15 takings when he raided 118 Apliu Street, ground floor, on Saturday.

Leung Ping, charged before Mr. Wicks with keeping a divan and possession of opium, was fined \$300 or two months' hard labour, and the smokers were fined \$35 each. The \$7.15 was confiscated to the 'Poor Box'.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

Warsaw, August 22. A Military tribunal sentenced to death today six members of an underground band. Two were given life imprisonment. — Associated Press.

Chung Ching Street, ground floor, admitted possession of prepared opium, one pipe and lamp was fined \$400 or two months.

Inspector Moran prosecuted in all the cases.

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## Explorer Victim Of Pickpocket

Mr. Arthur D. Sowerby, an explorer, lost \$2,000 when someone picked his trousers' pocket in Pedder Street yesterday.

Mr. Sowerby had been to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and had four \$500 notes in his pocket. As he was passing the Gloucester Lounge a man bumped into him, turned round and walked quickly away. When Mr. Sowerby got to the Post Office and felt in his pocket, he discovered the money was missing.

The man has not been arrested. Inspector A. F. Cochrane of Central CID is investigating.

## Pickpocket Attempt Failed

Charged with attempting to pick the pocket of Mr. J. M. Lightbody outside the Cafe Wiseman at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, Yuen Wing-him, aged 18, was convicted and sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Inspector Moran said that complainant alighted from his car outside the cafe and was about to enter when defendant passed in front of him.

Complainant was then wearing a sports shirt and shorts and had a bundle of bank notes in his shirt pocket.

Defendant, when he passed Mr. Lightbody bumped into him and with his right hand as a shield, attempted to dive into complainant's pocket with his left.

He had actually got hold of the notes when complainant grabbed him and handed him to a police constable nearby.

When an order was also made for his banishment, defendant said he was Hong Kong born and possessed a certificate.

## WELL-KNOWN STREET WALKERS ARRESTED

"Usually in cases of this kind, the defendant is put up for banishment on the third offence," said Inspector J. Orem when he applied to Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for a recommendation for Betty Lam, 22 years to be banished.

Defendant, described as a spinster, was arrested with another 22-year-old spinster, Chan Ying, by Inspector T. Collins at Nathan Road outside the Central Bar at 1.30 a.m. yesterday.

According to Inspector Collins, he saw the girls outside the bar at 1.10 a.m. and kept watch on them until 1.30 a.m. when they boarded a tri-cycle. He arrested them as they were well-known street walkers.

Lam was sentenced to two months' hard labour and recommended to be deported, while Chan was bound over in the sum of \$50 for a year. She had a previous conviction in 1947, and Lam had two convictions in that year.

Inspector Percy Lowe of the CID is in charge of the case.

## Banished Once More

Banished for life on August 13 this year, Ma Sai-yip, 20-year-old unemployed, was seen by Detective 135 at Austin Road at 6 p.m. on August 21. He was arrested on suspicion of being a returned banished.

Charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with unlawfully returning from banishment, Ma was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended to be re-banished.

According to Inspector J. Orem, defendant was expelled from the Colony on December 4 last year and again on April 13 last. On his third conviction on July 13, he was recommended for banishment and was deported for life a month later.

It was alleged that the ammunition, comprising 2,000 rounds of .45 and .380 rounds of 9 mm. calibre, were found in the luggage carrier of private car 7935, on which defendant was travelling, when it was searched by the police at the Fanling road crossing at 10 p.m. on July 16.

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## 7 HAD NARROW ESCAPE IN DANGEROUS DRIVING

After turning half a somersault, private car 7459, driven by Mak Kwong-fuk, aged 35, turned over and over sideways, and finally landed in a stream 25 feet below, right side up.

The owner, a 70-year-old man, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from a fracture of the right hand and other lacerations. The other five passengers and the driver escaped injuries.

When Mak was charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with dangerous driving, Inspector F. Roberts said that it was most lucky that the other passengers escaped injuries as, if the car had landed in the stream the wrong way up, they would have been drowned.

The prosecution, he said, was not asking for defendant's licence to be suspended, as that was not the means of livelihood, but asked for a substantial fine and endorsement on the licence.

Defendant was fined \$350, with his licence to be endorsed.

According to Inspector Roberts, defendant was driving alone, Castle Peak Road towards Castle Peak on Sunday and, when near the 13-mile mark, took the left hand bend at such a fast speed that the car was carried to the outside of the road.

In trying to pull out, accused ran the car down the left bank. He swerved again, leaving wheel marks of 78 feet in a gradual curve, and ran on until the front of the car left the road and the bonnet struck a small mound.

The speed at this stage was still so great that the car turned half a somersault, then turned over and over on its side and landed in a stream 25 feet below.

Thinking it strange that four men should walk into his office yesterday without an explanation, Lu Pk-ying went outside and called the police.

His intuition was right. The men had gone to his Import and Export Business office at 138 Connaught Road Central to rob him.

While he was outside, the men separated and two went to the rear of the office and two stayed at the front. They all produced revolvers.

When they heard the manager's cries they immediately ran away. One of the robbers dropped his revolver, loaded with four rounds of ammunition, his sun glasses and a parcel of oranges on the stairway.

The men escaped before the police arrived, but nothing was stolen from the office.

Inspector Percy Lowe of the CID is in charge of the case.

Mr. J. Wicks yesterday fixed the afternoon of September 1 for hearing of the charge of possession of ammunition preferred against Law Mau-chuen, shop-keeper, and Chan Wah-chum, driver, by Detective Sub-Inspector J. F. Waldron.

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## Sequel To Chopper Attack

A savage chopper attack on a farmer at Lokmachau in the New Territories in May last, as a result of which the victim was confined to hospital for six weeks, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The attacker, Fung Shu-yiu, a 23-year-old farmer, charged before Mr. Justice Reynolds with wounding Lam Fu, another farmer, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm, was sentenced to seven years' hard labour and six strokes of the cane.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, said the blows were on the head and were of such severity that they had caused a depressive fracture of the skull and resulted in some permanent injury.

The attack evidently originated from an old quarrel and ill feeling between the two men. Some months ago the explosion of a bomb caused injury to both of them and to some other people, and accused, nursed a feeling that it was all due to Lam's carelessness.

The attack took place on the morning of May 21, and was seen by Lam's master, who chased accused, caught him and handed him over to the village watchman.

Accused, who was legally represented, denied the charge, and said he was hit first by Lam Fu who, in fact, hit him so hard that he fainted. He hit back with the chopper when he was chased by Lam.

He denied that he nursed any ill feeling for Lam. The incident on May 21 started with a scolding him and attacking him first. After he had been attacked he lost his sense and did not know what he was doing.

He called as his witness Fung Yai, who agreed that accused was first attacked by Lam Fu who provided him with a hose.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hooton, Fung Yai denied he was pursuing, and said the evidence he gave was the same as the statement he made to the police.

After the jury, comprising five men and two women, had returned an unanimous verdict, and sentence was passed, Mr. Hooton applied for a copy of the Court records as proceedings for perjury might be taken against the defence witness Fung Yai.

After cross-examination of Warrant Officer E. Nunn by Mr. Griffiths the case was adjourned until today.

Thinking it strange that four men should walk into his office yesterday without an explanation, Lu Pk-ying went outside and called the police.

His intuition was right. The men had gone to his Import and Export Business office at 138 Connaught Road Central to rob him.

While he was outside, the men separated and two went to the rear of the office and two stayed at the front. They all produced revolvers.

When they heard the manager's cries they immediately ran away. One of the robbers dropped his revolver, loaded with four rounds of ammunition, his sun glasses and a parcel of oranges on the stairway.

The men escaped before the police arrived, but nothing was stolen from the office.

Inspector Percy Lowe of the CID is in charge of the case.

Mr. J. Wicks yesterday fixed the afternoon of September 1 for hearing of the charge of possession of ammunition preferred against Law Mau-chuen, shop-keeper, and Chan Wah-chum, driver, by Detective Sub-Inspector J. F. Waldron.

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The body was buried at Norderney and later exhumed and transferred to the British Cemetery at Oldenburg (Sage), Germany. The RAF Missing Research and Enquiry Service has failed to identify the man.

The officer is believed to have been a pilot from the United Kingdom, one of the Dornier, in his pockets were found a gold chain bracelet, with a plate (measuring one inch by half an inch) with "Anne" engraved on one side and "Rene" on the other; a bronze medalion showing on one side the King St. Michael and two "Vichys", one a blue ring and the other a stick's head.

Anyone who can help to identify the officer is asked to write to the Air Ministry, 3-11 (Casualties), 9, Saville Street, Knightsbridge, London S.W.1.

## Personalia

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Messrs. W. Woodward, R. C. W. Russell, F. J. Christian, H. M. Noss, F. J. Bowen, G. Martin, E. J. Glensie, F. C. Gans, Chas. D. Arthur, N. J. Gans, J. J. Harrington, T. J. Sullivan, R. Lewis, A. F. Mason, G. W. Hudson, Mrs. W. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Gilpatrick, A. Hughes, Mrs. J. J. Gans, Mrs. C. J. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Wan and Lieut. Tennant-Colonel and Mrs. K. E. Young.

Among the arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end were Messrs. J. E. James, P. L. Hasford, J. E. Mearns, C. A. Nicoll, W. H. Clementson, E. A. Gans, N. A. Gordon, W. J. Lonnann, F. S. O'Neil, E. A. Houston, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nicken, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Curly, Captain and Mrs. G. H. Easton, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Steele, and Miss H. R. Zander.

Passengers who left by CPA yesterday for Singapore, Rangoon and Manila included Mr. C. J. Michael (Singapore), Durum Caud (Rangoon), Messrs. P. Chape, T. S. Farlick, Manuel Sieg, Tan Pao Go Pak, Yip Tiao and Chao Tiong (Manila).

An additional charge of larceny of five electric motors on or about October 15, 1947, was preferred by Chief Inspector J. Johnston against Kwok Kwong, foreman of the Public Works Department electrical workshop at Hung Hom, before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Applying for another formal remand, Chief Johnston said that the Crown would, in all likelihood, be in a position to apply for a date to be fixed for hearing of the charges, on next Monday.

## Reminders

**Today**  
H. K. Rotary Club Luncheon, 12.30 p.m.  
Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.  
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.  
Bridge, Diner, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.

**Coming Events**  
**TOMORROW**  
Photographic Society of Hong Kong, dinner and meeting, Cafe Wiseman, 7.30 p.m.  
Legislative Council Meeting, CSO, 2.30 p.m.  
The H. Club, casting, Taihal House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.  
Games Morning, European YMCA (Women's Section), 10 a.m.  
Summer Social, European YMCA

**THURSDAY**  
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
V's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, H. K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
St. Thomas' More Association Social, Catholic Club, King's Hall, 5.30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Sino-British Club, general meeting, Public Relations Office, talks by S. L. Lee and J. Bloedfeld, 5.15 p.m.  
**SUNDAY**  
Sketching Party by H. K. Art Club, 10 a.m.  
The Peak, members assemble at Queen's Pier at 3.30 p.m.  
Annual Aquatic Sports, St. John Ambulance Bridge, Victoria Recreation Club, 2 p.m.  
Classical Concert, The H. Club, Taihal House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.  
Talk on "Israel's Place in the Plan of God" by J. H. Finlay, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

## Colony's Statistics

Births registered in the Colony continue to outnumber deaths by more than three to one.

In the week ended August 14, 1949, births were recorded as against 321 deaths. Five hundred and thirty-seven of the births were registered on the island.

In the same period, 134 cases of infectious diseases were reported to the Health Department; and 49 deaths from infectious diseases.

## Angling Society Meeting

The memorandum and Articles of Association of the Hong Kong Angling Society were passed at its meeting held in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post yesterday.

Mr. J. T. Prior, President of the Society, read out the rules and regulations, following which a general discussion took place. An objection to the wording of More Fish, Bigger Fish, Better Fish and Fish in more places was made by a member, but when put to the motion received no second.

## Other Remands

Leung King, 48 years, assistant foreman, was also remanded for a week in custody. Ngai Pul, Tong Chuen and Kam Wing, electrician, charged with Spary, Kwok and Leung, on the larceny count were remanded for three days in police custody.

Another electrician, Lee Cho, was also remanded for three days in police custody. He was alleged to have been connected with May and Kwok in the larceny of materials from July 23 and August 10.

Arthur Frederick May, defended by Mr. C. J. Stewart, had his bail of \$1,000 extended for a week.

## \$25 BAIL ESTREATED

Alfred Kenneth Hartman had his bail of \$25 estreated when he failed to surrender to his bond before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of assaulting Ngan To, a rickshaw puller.

Defendant was alleged to have struck the complainant on the mouth at 12.30 p.m. on August 22 at Peking Road near Lock Road when asked whether he wanted to engage a rickshaw.

## Sensational Turn In Big Conspiracy Case

A sensational turn was given to the Million Dollar Conspiracy case at Kowloon yesterday when Poon Ping-nam alias Poon Sin-yu, 51 years, described as a merchant of 48 Village Road, ground floor, failed to surrender to his cash bond of \$12,500.

Mr. J. Wicks, after deferring hearing of the case until 1 p.m., ordered the bail to be extended, and issued a warrant for the arrest of Poon.

Wong Chiu, 51-year-old interpreter, Cheung Yung, 34-year-old unemployed man and Cheng Yim-shan, aged 40, druggist, the other three accused in the case, were formally remanded for a week.

Hearing of the charge of conspiring between July 15 and 21 to steal \$1,000,000 from the Hsin Hui Enterprise Co. of China Building was, on July 20, fixed for August 31 and September 1.

## Bail Amounts

On that date, Detective Inspector J. Moore of the Special Branch agreed to bail being granted accused in the sums of \$20,000 for the first, \$10,000 for Wong, and \$5,000 each for the third and fourth. With the exception of Poon, bail could be in half cash and half bond. Poon's was to be in cash.

A week later, Mr. A.S.C. Comber, representing Poon, protested against "the arbitrary manner" in which the "grossly unfair" amount of bail was fixed, at the suggestion of the police, on the ground that the sums asked for were determined by the financial standings of the different accused.

He submitted that as all the four accused were on the identical charge of conspiracy the bail for all should be the same, and not four times that of the third and fourth for the first.

Defence counsel went on to say that, in his opinion, the police purposely fixed bail at twice the amount they thought the accused could afford to put up, in order to have them detained in custody.

## Court Adjourns

Inspector J. Orem, replying on behalf of Det-Inpector Moore, said that the amounts were determined by Crown Solicitor and that Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr would be appearing for the prosecution when hearing commences.

The court then adjourned for Inspector Orem to communicate with the Legal Office. On resumption, Inspector Orem said that, on instructions from the Assistant Crown Solicitor, he was asking for bail in the sum of \$15,000, half in cash and half in surety.

After further submissions by Mr. Comber, the court fixed bail in the sum of \$10,000 cash and \$2,500 surety.

## SOUVENIR FOR NEW YORK MAYOR

Visitors to the Museum of the City of New York will see a souvenir presented by the people of Manila to Mayor William O'Dwyer.

It is the delicate handwork of a Manila woman, Mrs. Simona K. Price—a hand-woven tapestry map showing the complete domestic and international routes of the Northwest Airlines.

Arrivals from Indo-China during the week-end by Air France included Mr. Maurice, M. Sabatie, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hardwick, Mr. and Mrs. Girard, and M. Katsel.

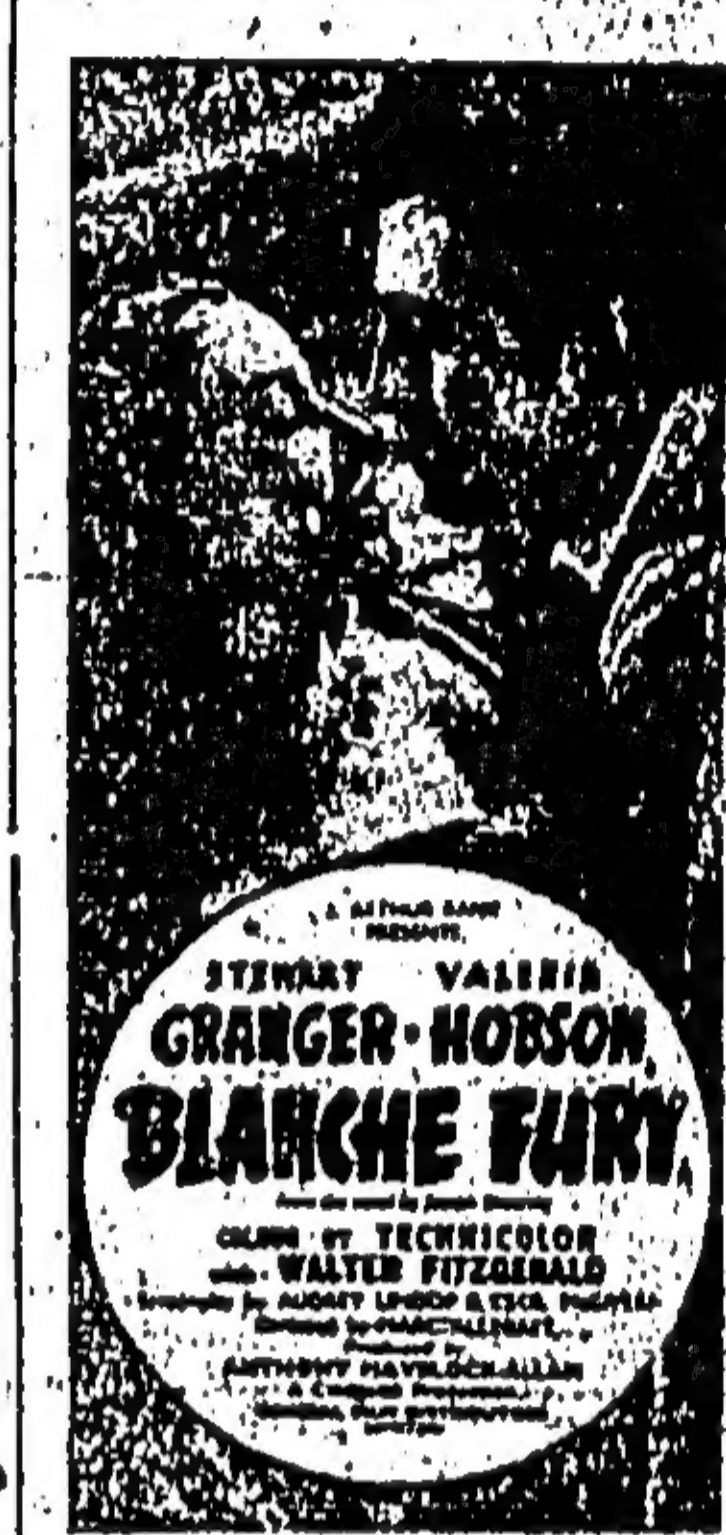
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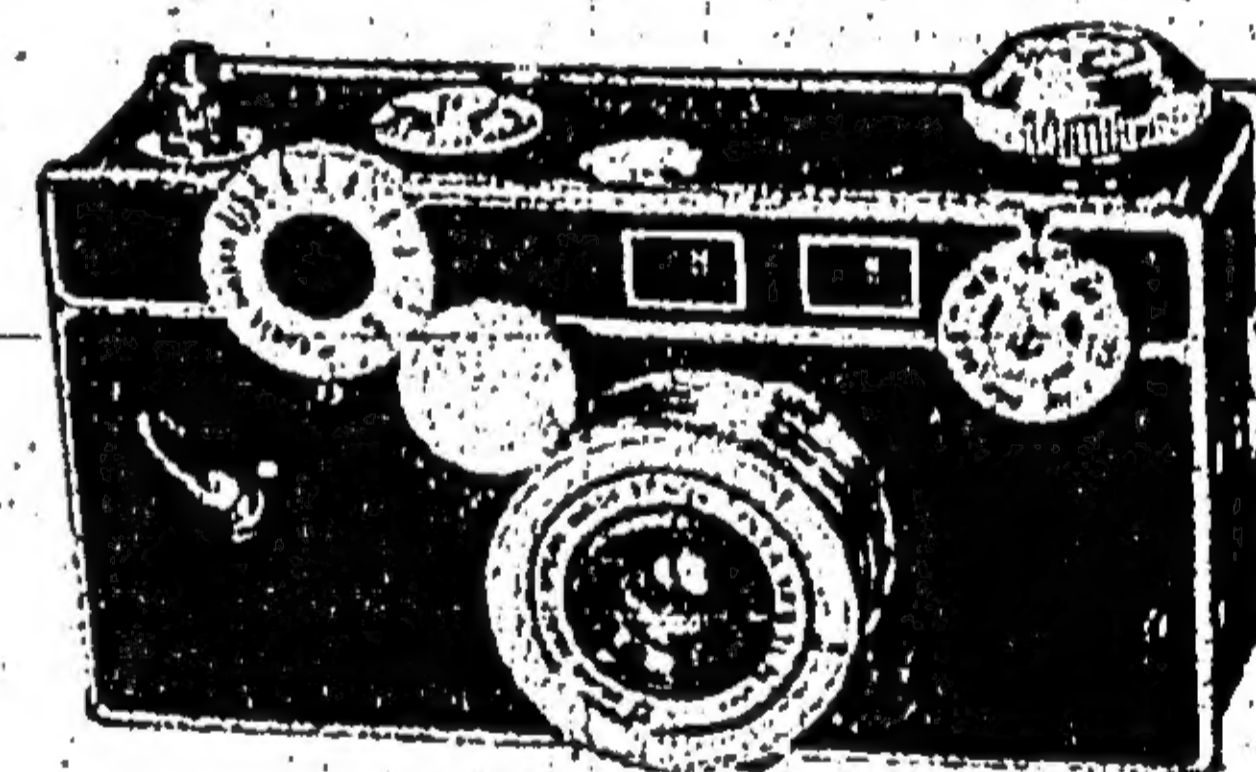
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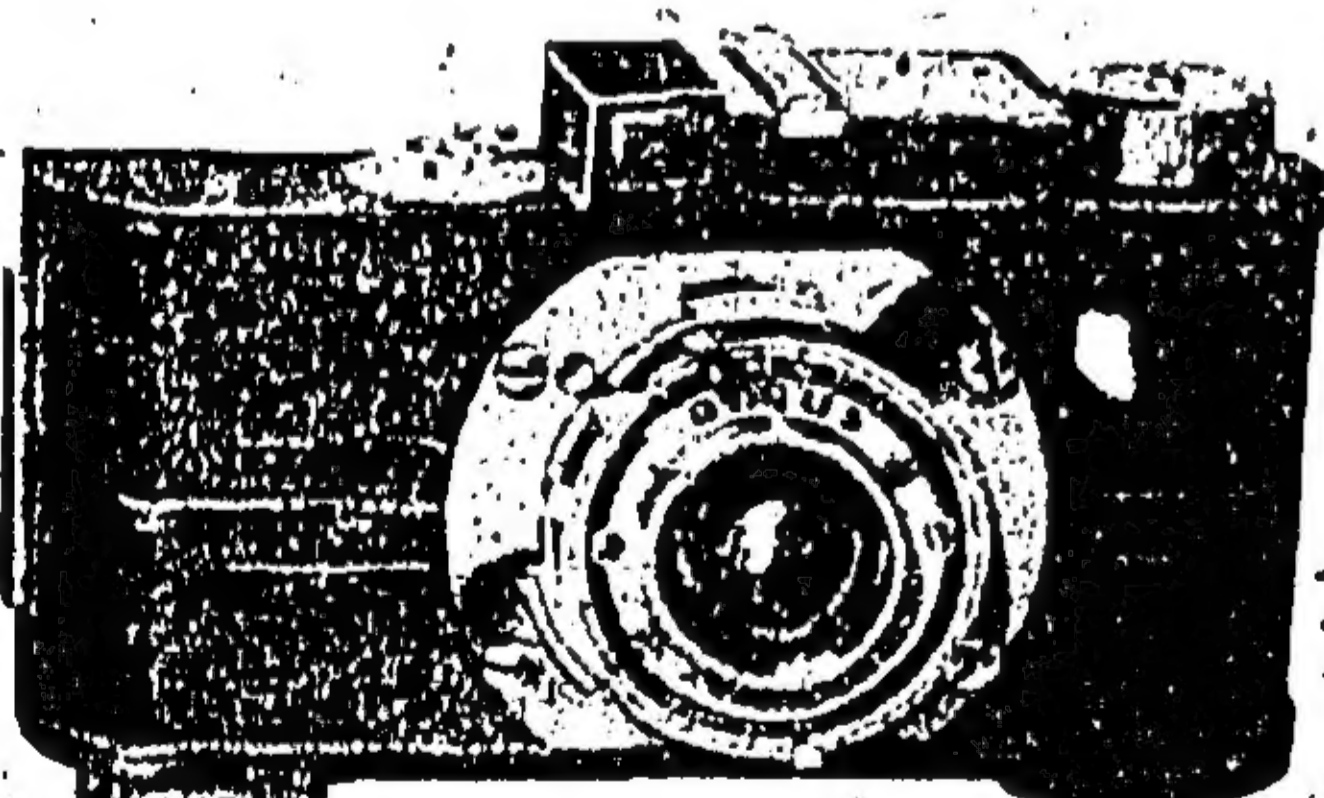
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## Undecided On Charge

The Hong Kong authorities have made no move to have the suspect, alleged to be involved in the Catalina flying-boat crash, tried in the Colony's courts, the "China Mail" learned from an authentic source last night. The man is still detained in Macao by the Portuguese authorities. He has recovered from the injuries suffered in the crash.

Unconfirmed reports from Macao said that the Portuguese authorities are still undecided on the charge to be preferred against the suspect.

## "Amazing" Said The Magistrate

Wong Yan, a 58-year-old unemployed man, made CNY\$41,500,000 and HK\$500 by soliciting subscriptions for the "Three Princes" temple.

After canvassing the shops at Tam Shui (Chinese territory), he crossed over to British territory and landed into trouble at Salting when he was seen by a Chinese detective.

The detective kept him under observation, and after seeing him collecting from four different shops at Main Road on Saturday, questioned him. Wong said that he was collecting for the "Three Princes" temple at Tam Shui and HK\$45 before he went to Salting. At Salting he collected HK\$15.

"Amazing," said the magistrate, agreeing with the bench, Sub-inspector W. Gillies said that defendant was simply collecting for his own benefit, at the time of his arrest, he had only HK\$10.50 in his possession.

Wong, charged before Mr. J. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday on four counts of obtaining money by false pretences, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and ordered to be expelled.

## NAZI HANGED

Warsaw, August 22. Doctor Joseph Buchler, 44, Chief of Administration under the Nazi wartime regime in Poland, has been hanged at Krakow for war crimes. He was convicted on July 10 of engineering the killing of more than 2,000,000 Jews and deportation of almost 2,000,000 Poles - Associated Press.

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## Coxswains Fined Heavily

Heavy fines were imposed on two coxswains for carrying excess passengers and not having the necessary life-saving and fire-fighting appliances, the Marine Court yesterday.

In Bau, coxswain of the Texas Company's launch, Calico No. 35, was fined \$200 for carrying 127 persons more than permitted. He was allowed to carry only 48 persons. Mr. H. E. Phillips, manager of the company's sub-station at Tsun Wan, told the Court that because of a strike at the company's plant there was not sufficient transport. To take the workers to the plant by road would take about five or six hours of travelling. Steps would be taken to improve the accommodation of the launch, he said.

For not having adequate apparatus for life-saving and fire-fighting, Ho Shuk-shing, 38 year old coxswain of the launch Shing Lee, was fined \$200 or two months' imprisonment. Defendant was arrested on August 22 off North Point. He had two empty fire extinguishers and three lifeboats, instead of the required 18.

Two boat masters were fined \$100 and \$75 for conveying prostitutes. Chan Shing, fined \$100 or one month's imprisonment, told the Court that he did not know the women he carried from the steamer Empire. Farrer were prostitutes. He did not make any inquiry.

Police stopped the boat at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday and found four women who admitted they were prostitutes.

Leung Chuen, who pleaded that he had to make a living and accepted to carry 10 prostitutes to the steamer Ning Hai, was fined \$75. Charged with aiding and abetting Leung Chuen, Chan Chi-kin, 27 year old coxswain of the launch Wing Fu, was cautioned.

Chan said that he was hired to tow the sampan by Leung Chuen and that he did not know anything about the passengers in the sampan. As the case was the first to be heard before him, Mr. Cairns cautioned the defendant.

## DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF DATE LINE CLUB

A distinguished group of travellers, including famous diplomats, businessmen and military figures from all over the world, have joined a unique and exclusive club - the International Date Line Club.

The club is unique in that no dues are collected or meetings held, and exclusive because membership is limited to those who have flown over the International Date Line in the Northwest Airlines planes.

When the ship crosses the date line, passengers are given application forms to fill out. Later they receive the large, four-colour membership certificate and a wallet-size membership card, a reduced replica of the certificate, both signed by the Grand Pilot of the IDLC. Since the formation of the club, some of the most prominent men and women in the Far East as well as in the United States and Europe have joined the IDLC. They include General Claire Chennault, a member of the Rockefeller family, and the present head of the Korean Government. The Orient Route was inaugurated by the NWA more than a year ago.

## Privileges Of Trade Commissioners

A Bill to provide a single Ordinance under which remission of taxes, duties or fees may be granted, when a person is entitled to such treatment by reason of his status in a "trade" commission's office, will be presented to the Legislative Council tomorrow.

The Bill will be known as the Trade Commissioners' Privileges Ordinance, 1948. At the same meeting, the recently amended Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, will be presented for approval.

An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance of 1921 will be read for the first time.

## TRIAL FOR DESTROYING MANILA

Manila, August 22. It is officially announced that Lt.-Col. Shinsuke Yokoyama, allegedly responsible for the destruction of Manila, as well as for tortures and killings in February 1945, will be tried soon by a Military Commission.

Yokoyama took over command of the Japanese forces in the Manila area after the late Japanese ruler Yamashita went to Baguio in January 1945.

Yokoyama is facing 60 counts - United Press.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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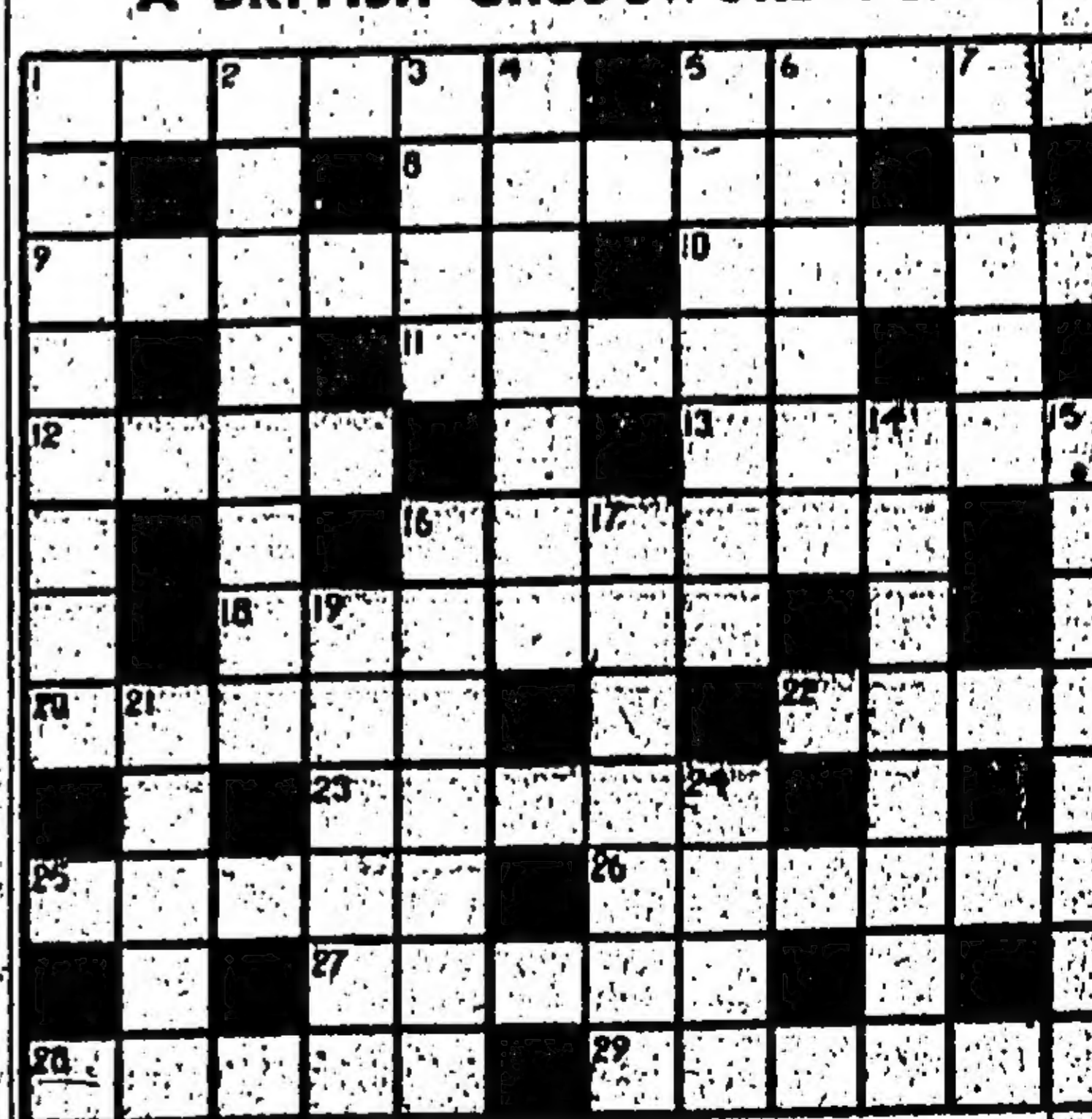
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South scored his spade K, took the 9 to West. The latter took in his fourth spade but it had to lead in the third suit. He selected the diamond 3, holding East had the J, but he did, and so made his game, that was the ninth trick established for him.

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## Clues Down

1 Skits. 14 Teaches. 2 Wile. 15 Shivers. 3 Potentate. 16 Handled. 4 Expunged. 17 Slim. 5 Turn aside. 18 Unattended. 6 Revolution. 19 Crops. 7 Willow. 20 Novice.

Wain, 9. Data. 32 Acorn. 33 Gr. Down. 1. Quire. 2. Dolly. Aways. A. Slip. 13. This. Help. 11. Tamed. 15. Away. Allen. 10. Sabor. 17. Dapoz. 11. 20. Venture. 22. Ogan. Opine. 23. Greed. 27. Week. 28. 29. 30.

# MAN'S DISORDER AND GOD'S DESIGN

## World Council Of Churches Meeting

Amsterdam, August 22. Amid the ringing of "Welcome" peals from the towers of every Protestant Church in Holland, the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches, representing 145 church bodies in 42 countries, opened in Amsterdam's historic Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) this afternoon.

Across the Atlantic, in 10,000 Protestant and Orthodox Churches throughout the United States, bells were also pealing hourly to mark the occasion.

More than 1,200 clerical and lay representatives are attending the 14-day Assembly in Amsterdam, which has its theme, "Man's Disorder and God's Design."

Four out of every five members of the Protestant and Orthodox Churches in the world are directly connected with this mass Occumenical Council by membership of the Churches represented on it.

The Catholic Church is not a member. Soviet Russia has declined an invitation, but Hungarian and Estonian delegates will be present.

The Congress will begin work tomorrow and conclude on September 4. Its final act will be to adopt a message to the Churches of the world as a "clarion call to all Christians."

### 1,450 Delegates

One of the two speakers at the opening service today in the great New Church here was Dr. John H. Mott, 83-year-old American former General Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation and one of the five Presidents of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Mott, a joint Nobel Prize winner in 1946, is a veteran in the Occumenical Movement which has led to the formation of the World Council of Churches, decided upon at a conference in 1927 but postponed because of the war.

The 1,450 delegates made a

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11.15 p.m.—Religious Talk to Children.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—The Dream of H.M. Grenville.

1.00 p.m.—Songs by Todd Duncan.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.

1.30 p.m.—Music from Foreign Lands played by Mark Weber and His Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Class Hours.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Tummy Trouble Visits the Brave Country."

6.15 p.m.—"Here We are Again!" (ORHS).

6.45 p.m.—Music and Song on Two Planes. (ORHS).

7.00 p.m.—Fashion Talks by Jane Richards (Studio).

7.10 p.m.—Music: Ballet Suite from Promenade Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Music and Screen Favourites presented by "The All-Star Band" (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—A short Violin Recital by Jascha Heifetz.

8.25 p.m.—"The Adventures of Captain Kettle" by Clifford Brown (Studio).

8.55 p.m.—Orchestral Concert by British Composers presented by Clara Sargant (Studio).

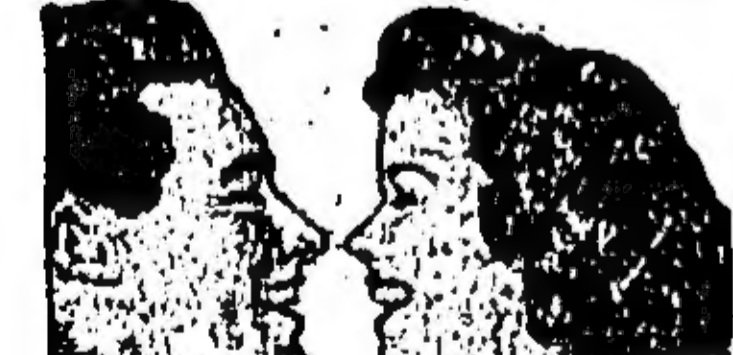
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10.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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## Lyons Express Disaster

Paris, August 22.

Three persons were killed and about 60 others seriously injured when the Lyons-Strasbourg express collided with a goods train today near L'Isle Sur Le Doubs, between Besancon and Gelfort, Eastern France.

Rail traffic was resumed after a 10-hour delay. The injured passengers were taken to hospitals at Belfort, Héricourt and Mont Bellard. An investigation was immediately opened.—Reuter.

## Gale Delays Cunarder

Cobh, Eire, August 22.

The Cunard liner Mauretania sailed for New York today after being delayed 24 hours by a storm that prevented her taking on passengers from Ireland.

Because Cork harbour is unsuitable for the ship, she lies 12 miles out to sea and passengers are brought out by tender.

Attempts to take the passengers on board last night were abandoned when heavy seas buffeted the tender and prevented it getting alongside the liner.—Associated Press.

## CROCKFORD AND THE ATOM BOMB

London, August 22.

Atomic bombs were dropped on Japanese cities because of a Japanese threat to massacre all war prisoners if an invasion of the home islands were attempted, according to an unvarnished report to be published by the 1948 Crockford's Clerical Directory.

The report was discussed in a sermon today by the Rev. Percival Gough, Rector of Acton, West London.

He said circumstances of the decision to use the bomb were revealed in an introductory article in the directory, an Oxford University press publication listing clergy of the Church of England.

The directory editor did not vouch for the accuracy of the report but asked anyone able to provide verification to speak up "to relieve the conscience of the world."

The Rev. Gough quoted the directory as follows: "We have seen it stated that when the Japanese saw that defeat had become inevitable, they informed his Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States through a neutral power that if a landing were attempted on any part of their territory, the prisoners of war in their hands would be massacred to the last man."

"There was no reason to suppose this was an idle threat. Accordingly, the two Governments were faced by an appalling problem. Was there any means by which the war could be brought to an end without landing? Obviously the only possibility was the weapon which science had just placed in their hands."

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The Rev. Gough confessed that he was among those "too shocked to say anything" on hearing of the destruction at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.—Associated Press.

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## Jerusalem Problems

## FIVE-HOUR ARAB-JEW GET-TOGETHER

Jerusalem, August 22.

Meeting in a monastery in the middle of Jerusalem's uneasy no man's land, Arabs and Jews argued for five hours today on the question of restoring the neutrality of the Arab College and Jewish Agricultural School for girls. The Jews occupied the two points supposed to be under the control of the Red Cross two days ago.

United Nations observers who arranged the rare meeting today between the belligerents presented them with demands that the Jews first evacuate the buildings within 24 hours and that within 48 hours the Arabs pull back their positions about five-eighths of a mile from the disputed area.

After discussion, the United Nations modified this demand and insisted that the Jews pull out of the buildings first.

The Arabs asked that the Jews also consider the withdrawal of their side to a distance of about 300 yards. The Jewish representative Captain Moshe Dryan of Haganah, said he would have to refer to higher Jewish authorities.

A second meeting tomorrow will present the Jewish decision

while the Arabs have scheduled discussions for Tuesday on whether to agree to an enlargement of no man's land.

The conference which was held in a Syrian Catholic monastery near the Damascus Gate, was attended by United Nations observers from both sides headed by American General William E. Riley, Haganah, Egyptian and Arab Legion commanders.

It began at one o'clock, Jerusalem time, and ended at six.

### Punctuated!

The whine of rifle bullets and thud of mortar shells were plainly heard throughout the meeting. Lieut. Col. Abdullah Tell Bey, Jerusalem Commander of the Arab Legion and Lieut. Col. Ahmed Bad Aziz, chief of the Egyptian forces in South Jerusalem, proceeded to the conference in an armoured car. At the Damascus Gate, accompanied by a large white flag, they walked the remaining 130 yards to the Catholic Church area.

Jewish and Arab leaders shook hands and began the discussion amicably. Before long, however, they were accusing each other of true violations.

While the talks were in progress, UN observers reported that mortar fire struck a mosque south of the Dome of Rock.

In the Arab Legion headquarters later, Col. Abdullah said he had learned that a UN report had been made that the Jews had violated the truce in their recent occupation of Government House, which is close to the Arab College.—Associated Press.

## Axis Sally May Stand Trial

Washington, August 22.

Mildred Elizabeth Gillars, who, the Government says, operated as the Nazi radio's wartime "Axis Sally," is being held in the District of Columbia gaol pending investigation on treason charges.

The 47-year-old spinster, a native of Portland, was flown here yesterday from Frankfurt, Germany, and promptly arraigned on a treason charge before the United States Commissioner. She was held without bail.

After a preliminary hearing on August 31, her case will be investigated by a Federal Grand Jury. If she is indicted, she will be brought to trial here.

Miss Gillars maintained stoic calmness on her arrival at Bolling Field near here and at her arraignment. She is charged with giving aid and comfort to the enemy as "Axis Sally" from December 11, 1941, until May 6, 1945, when the European war ended.

The complaint alleged that during those years she did "unlawfully willfully and treasonably adhere to the government of the German Reich, an enemy of the United States."

Miss Gillars told reporters that as far as she knew she had no relatives in this country. She was surprised, but apparently not too interested, when informed that she had a half sister, Edna Mae Herrick, living in Ohio.—United Press.

## VAMPIRE DOWN IN RUSSIAN ZONE

Luebeck, August 22.

The Royal Air Force recovery unit, which entered the Soviet zone with Russian permission yesterday morning, had not returned by 3 p.m. GMT today.

The unit, consisting of several vehicles, had gone to salvage a "Vampire" jet fighter which made a forced landing in the Soviet zone on August 1. It was on a training flight from the RAF base here. Russian sources reported that the pilot Peter Jordan was unhurt and the plane only slightly damaged.—Associated Press.

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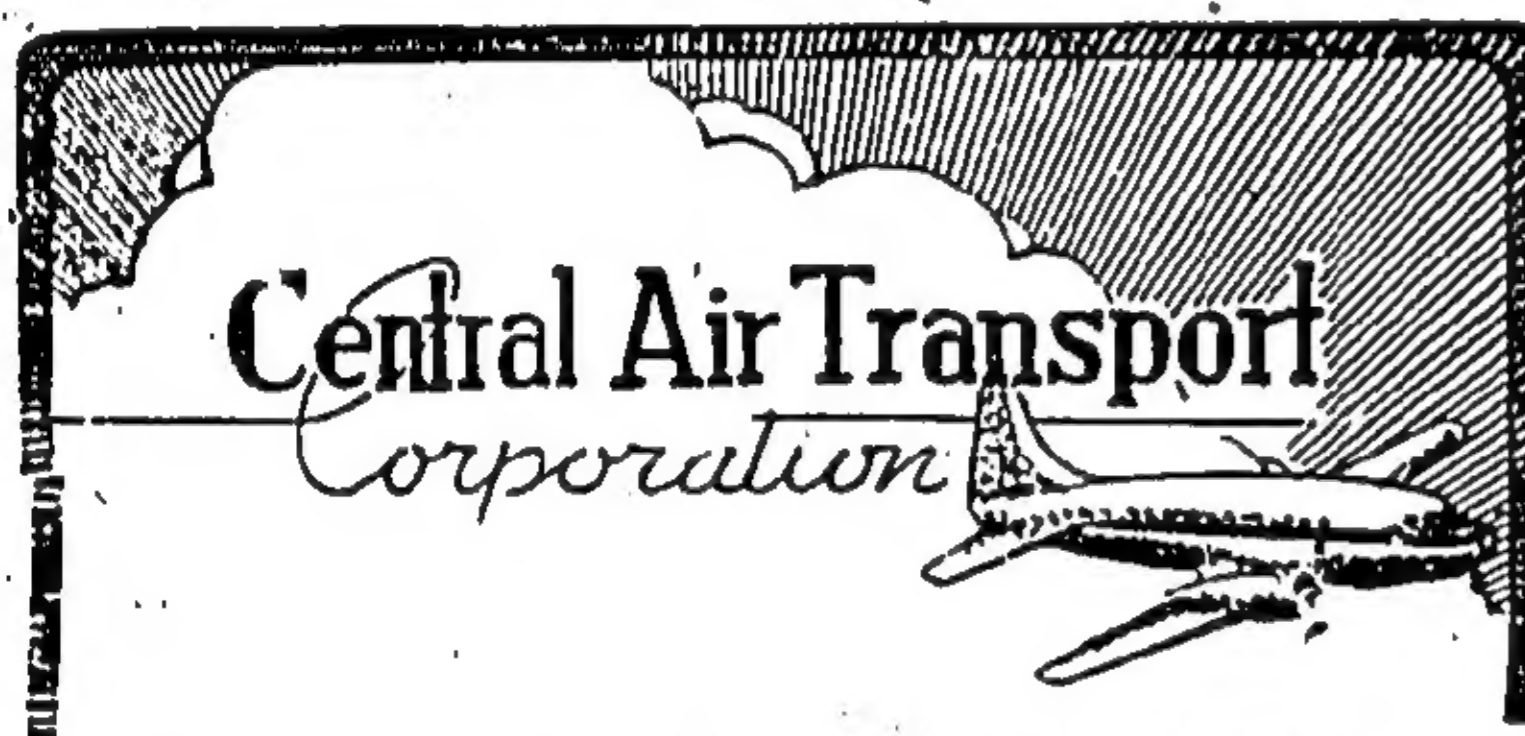
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## RATES OF EXCHANGE

The rates of exchange fixed by the Central Bank of China for the new gold yuan are not without elements of surprise, although it might be urged that on the basis of the cross-rate with New York, the remainder of the figures are realistic. In relation to the sterling area, the gold yuan is given a face value of one shilling and eightpence, which provides a further opportunity for some of Hong Kong's own economists to maul over the classic tradition that parity between the Hong Kong dollar and China's dollar should be the aim of both countries. Most experts in monetary theory will, we imagine, criticise the new rates as too high to be beneficial to China. In a situation where trade between China and overseas markets preserved a sound balance without excessively restrictive controls, some advantage might be gained from setting the levels high. China's economic condition today is such that easier figures could hardly be otherwise than helpful in the task of recovery. Perhaps it is not very vital. The real test is whether rates having been fixed they can be kept there. That is, of course, the question which comes most readily into every discussion about China's currency experiment and the one about which there is most doubt. Unless there is a secret fund, or a secret understanding with say the United States, and the new gold yuan is not required to fight against all the ills which sent National Currency into the "wastepaper basket," it is not easy to see how confidence in the new currency can be well maintained. For that reason alone, a serious mistake may have been made in valuing the H.K. dollar as low as 75 cents in terms of the gold yuan. If HK\$100 can be bought for GY75, the danger of a hoarding of Hong Kong notes in China looms very large. It would be tragic if a necessary reform should be found to fail merely because its promoters fell into the error of aiming too high.

So the British and American Military Governments after the London conference in June suddenly called in all currency on a basis of one new mark for ten old ones. At present there are about six millions of the new Deutsche Mark in circulation in Western Germany. Consumer goods are in the shops again, textiles, eggs from the farms, bicycles, typewriters, sewing machines and so on. Motor cars may be purchased without a permit. Trade is starting out of the chaotic conditions of 1947. There is some unemployment; but the people who have been on holiday since 1945 on a roll of worthless Reichsmarks are having to start work again on the bottom rung of the ladder.

They forgot Berlin! Sokolovsky was nearly polite in his letters to General Sir Brian Robertson expressing the hope that we would not introduce the Deutsche Mark here. But the Russians wanted entire control of Berlin's currency, so the British and Americans felt obliged to make a separate issue of Deutsche Marks here too, to keep a financial foothold in the city and keep trade with the West going. Sokolovsky replied by sealing the Soviet zone frontiers and applying his blockade.

## Land Reforms

Another item from Nanking suggests an effort by the central government to beat the Communists at their own game.

The item refers to a policy that two Central China provinces—Chekiang and Kiangsi—are set to carry out. The policy sets a maximum limit on the extent of an individual's landholdings, and calls for the expropriation of such lands as exceed this limit for resale to Chinese peasants.

The policy is described as mild—in the sense that it is not as drastic as the land seizures instituted by the Communist government in territories that fall into their hands. China's Reds draw their main strength from widespread mass support, which in turn owes not a little of its power to the tensions released by legitimate grievances against the status quo. This power is further sparked by the Communist policy of immediately farming out the land to politically acceptable peasants in areas that the Reds manage to slice off nationalist positions.

A Legislative Yuan member only recently suggested the redistribution of lands

## What Is Happening To The New Mark?

## THE GREAT CHESS GAME IN BERLIN

A month ago a crisp new mark printed in Washington was issued in Western Germany. That new money is costing Britain £6,000 a day in air operations to Berlin. Currency reform has been forgotten in the great chess game between East and West. This is how it came about.

For three years the Russians and the Western Allies wrangled about currency reform. Sometimes they were near agreement; but the Americans were suspicious that the Soviet Military Government would overprint its issue, cause inflation and work like a leech on West German production. After the failure of the Council of Foreign Ministers in London on December 15, the Western Allies decided to proceed with currency reform themselves in the Western zones. It was no use sharing a financial measure with the Russians while they perished in keeping their economic system separate from that of the Western zones of Germany.

The idea of the British and American financial experts was to shift the decimal point in German note circulation. It had risen from about six milliards of Reichsmarks in 1936 to 75,000,000,000 in 1947, while national wealth had diminished by a third. Besides, the Russians had captured about 40,000,000,000 of these Reichsmarks in the vaults of Eastern German banks. If Marshall aid began to fill the shops of Western Germany it would be hard to prevent Russian buyers emptying the shelves with worthless Nazi currency. Every now and then on the zonal frontier a commercial traveller was caught going west with a suitcase containing perhaps half a million marks.

So the British and American Military Governments after the London conference in June suddenly called in all currency on a basis of one new mark for ten old ones. At present there are about six millions of the new Deutsche Mark in circulation in Western Germany. Consumer goods are in the shops again, textiles, eggs from the farms, bicycles, typewriters, sewing machines and so on. Motor cars may be purchased without a permit. Trade is starting out of the chaotic conditions of 1947. There is some unemployment; but the people who have been on holiday since 1945 on a roll of worthless Reichsmarks are having to start work again on the bottom rung of the ladder.

They forgot Berlin! Sokolovsky was nearly polite in his letters to General Sir Brian Robertson expressing the hope that we would not introduce the Deutsche Mark here. But the Russians wanted entire control of Berlin's currency, so the British and Americans felt obliged to make a separate issue of Deutsche Marks here too, to keep a financial foothold in the city and keep trade with the West going. Sokolovsky replied by sealing the Soviet zone frontiers and applying his blockade.

## US INVESTMENT IN BRITISH COLONIES

Partnership between the United States and the British Empire for the exploitation of raw materials in British colonies vitally needed for American war industries, will be discussed in talks between the British Government and Marshall aid experts beginning tomorrow.

British Treasury and Colonial Office officials will present plans for utilising the vast resources of the British overseas territories.

On the American side, proposals for dollar investments on a large scale, to speed up production are expected and British sources here are even willing to talk of U.S.-financial partnership in the empire over a long period until American needs are satisfied.

It is believed here that the despatch of strong military reinforcements to Malaya to clear the tin, mining and rubber areas from the menace of Communist bands, is linked with plans to protect and exploit war material resources for joint U.S. and British needs.

The stockpiling of European controlled war materials for the American war industries is the only tangible return which the United States is receiving for Marshall aid. In the case of Great Britain, £15,000,000—five per cent of the sterling equivalent of the current Marshall Aid to this country—has been set aside for the year to cover payment for the material, but this figure will be far exceeded in a revised scheme which is expected to evolve from the talks.

In addition to Great Britain, and the British colonies, France and the Netherlands are also being sounded to discover what their colonies can supply. As uranium is another vitally needed war potential and the Belgian annexed by the Kuomintang during the revolution. Described as "startling," the suggestion has probably gone by the board, but it indicates, together with policies that the two Central China provinces intend to implement, a growing awareness of the basic problem that Sun Yat-sen had tried to resolve until his death in 1925.

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One Criticism  
In Berlin the difficulty is to keep those crisp American-printed notes in circulation. Everybody is scrambling to get them and hoard them. Bad money, they say, drives out good. The Soviet mark, which is the old Reichsmark surcharged with a stamp, is everywhere. The British, Americans and French had long conferences with the City council and the burgomasters as to how many Deutsche Marks they would put into circulation in Berlin. Eventually they decided to pay 25 per cent of wages in Deutsche Mark and 75 per cent in the Soviet mark. We took precaution of overprinting the marks issued in Berlin with a B, so that these marks cannot be used by the Soviet Military

By IAN COLVIN

Government to buy at random over Western Germany. They will, of course, be honoured, when the spender has explained his business to a western bank or to a British or American consular official.

I have one criticism of the currency reform in Western Germany. The exchange rate, or ratio to the £ is 13 1/3 Deutsche Marks. Quite apart from the recurring decimal which makes a farce of business reckonings, the Deutsche Mark has been revalued much too highly. Twenty so the pound was the normal pre-Senacht rate, and that would also give a better return for German exports. It is too early to say how the Deutsche Mark will assert itself on international markets, because West German economy is still under strict controls and the currency is not freely negotiable.

Success And Failure  
We have made a success of currency reform in Western Germany, and a failure in Berlin. It is costing us in the air effort as much as the Russians would have sucked out of Western Germany, had we shared our new currency with them. And out of this fiscal war a real war may break. It was Bethmann-Hollweg who didn't believe that nations would go to war about a scrap of paper. It seems that we've come to the brink of it about the Deutsche Mark!

OR YOU JUST SWEAR  
London, August 21.  
You could see after a quick tour of London at noon today that there is not a good cigarette to be had in this huge metropolis.

Or you just swear.  
Irritably about every other person out on his lunch hour has a butt dangling from his lips.

You try a dozen more tobacco shops at scattered points through London. Most have the standard sign reading: "Sorry, no cigarettes."

One tobaccoist shed nicotine and posted a blunt one-word sign: "Not!"

You continue your relentless hunt, ducking cigarette butts tossed off holders as the lunch crowd returns to work.

The great truth dawns. An acute cigarette famine has spawned a new British fraternity—smoking—under the title "regular customers only."

Nearly everybody belongs but to outsiders cold to the British situation it is one of the most select societies in the world.

Here is how the vicious system works:  
You grit your teeth, soothe your jangled nerves with rationed chewing gum and walk into the twenty-seventh tobacco shop of your frustrating tour.

"No cigarette" signs mock at you, but this time there is a queue. May be something doing. The guy next to you says: "I overslept this morning and lost out. Yesterday I got up at five and had to smoke in this shop."

One Left  
The queue fades away before you. Only one man is left before the counter. He glances with British offensiveness at you and waits. If here were America he would say "the hell out of here." He just waits.

The proprietor, a huffy middle-aged man, grows restive. They both realise finally you are not going to budge.

An amazing thing happens—a slight of hand that would turn Thurston Green. A flash of colour which might be a pack of 20 cigarettes and it is over.

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although, like poker players, they made little mention of this very real motivating reason for their inability to agree.

The United States swung towards support of the British case since the British Empire's strength today is so closely linked with the American plans for offensive defensive action in the event of war. Just as British bases in the United Kingdom are now earmarked for United States Air Force bombers, air bases in North African areas would be

open to American Superforts and other bomber-fighter groups which would thus be able to take all Europe and part of Russia within their purview.

Italy's Problem  
Italy is extremely anxious to obtain possession of her former African colonies although she realises that they are largely unproductive and would add a tremendous load to the National expenditure and tribal opposition could flare up throughout North Africa.

The Italian urge to regain mastery of the 1,000 miles long strip of her former colonial empire in North Africa is based on the prestige and desire to reopen colonisation of the area for her overgrowing population, particularly now that the United States immigration quota has been fixed at 5,000 Italians a year.

Although the French were haunted by fear of Italian irredentism and policy of "Lebensraum" under the Il Duce, she now appears to consider Italy too weak to constitute a menace to the French possessions stretching from former Italian colonies and through Morocco to the Atlantic.

As one who has travelled many thousands of miles through Libya during and since the war, I can affirm that the only reason why most of the nations wish to take over control is because of the vital air and sea bases which the territory offers.—United Press.

## BERNADOTTE GIVES UP CONFERENCE IDEA

Stockholm, August 22.  
Count Folke Bernadotte, United Nations Palestine mediator, announced today that he will submit a full report on Palestine to the United Nations General Assembly when it meets in Paris.

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## Forcibly Arrested By Soviet Military Patrol

### Tension In No Man's Land Area Of Berlin

Berlin, August 22.  
A Soviet military patrol forcibly arrested a key American Military Government official today in Berlin's "no man's land".

## Decisive Meeting In Moscow

Moscow, August 22.  
The United States Ambassador, Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith, and the envoys of Britain and France met for two hours today. It was understood they were ready for the sixth and perhaps decisive meeting with Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Bartering supplies, however, the next meeting is not expected to take place until Monday, exactly one week after the last three-hour 40-minute session at the Kremlin.

The delay since the last meeting with Mr. Molotov is believed to have been caused by minor disagreements among the three Western powers and by the necessity for exchanging numerous messages among the three Western capitals. Informed sources said the hard core of East-West differences was reached during the last meeting with Mr. Molotov.

They added that the conference was proceeding efficiently because of the extraordinary secrecy surrounding it.—United Press.

## LITTLE FEAR OF WAR IN PALESTINE

Tel-Aviv, August 22.  
The diplomatic correspondent for the Palestine Post wrote from Hakiya today that there appeared to be little ground for belief that war in Palestine would be resumed on a large scale in the near future.

The paper said any Jewish military action during the present truce could only be expected after "very serious Arab provocation."

## Alleged Jewish Atrocities

Cairo, August 22.  
The Arab League in a "strongly worded" note has asked Count Folke Bernadotte to investigate several cases of alleged Jewish atrocities in Palestine, a League source told The Associated Press today.

The informant said that among the charges was one that Arab girls from Acre were allegedly abducted by Zionists, "brought to Tel Aviv, marked on the forehead and exhibited naked and prostituted."

Another, he said, was that at Salwan village, Zionist allegedly ran tanks over Arab children, crushing them in the presence of their parents.—Associated Press.

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While his wife and two children looked helplessly on, Russian soldiers carrying Tommy guns, dragged the former New York journalist, Mr. Thomas Headen, into their jeep and carried him off to Soviet Headquarters.

Mr. Headen had stepped off the pavement on the British side of strife-ridden Potsdamer Platz, where the British, Soviet and American sectors meet, in central Berlin, when the arrest took place.

The whole square has been a "no man's land" for East and West since several hundred German soldiers stoned Soviet-controlled German police there last week in a riot in which four persons were shot.

Increasing Soviet hostility in the struggle to force the Western powers from Berlin coupled with renewed Soviet press attacks on Western powers, were taken as indications here that Soviet authorities in Germany do not expect any settlement to come out of the present big four conferences in Moscow.

The arrest of Mr. Headen, who is Deputy Chief of the U.S. Military Government Information Control Division, was another incident in a series which has had armed British, American and Soviet troops facing one another over the city's ruins.

**Took Photographs**  
Mr. Headen's wife said her husband and two children were visiting Potsdamer Platz "out of curiosity."

Mr. Headen, after taking several snapshots from the British side of the square, stepped off the pavement and walked a few yards into the square itself.

According to British military police, he was standing close to two other persons taking pictures, although his own camera was folded up. A Soviet jeep swept into the square. The two other photographers ran away.

"He did not run because he was afraid they would shoot," Mr. Headen's wife said.

The Russians dragged the protesting official into their jeep and drove off.

"It was horrible," Mrs. Headen said. "We could not do anything."

American military police liaison officers, notified of the arrest, started working to get Mr. Headen released.

**Without Charges**  
Usually, in such arrests, the Russians hold the person anywhere from three hours to three days without charges. They are usually released after continued American pressure through the city's liaison section. However, two Americans arrested on the border of the Soviet-U.S. zone in Germany have been held for more than 10 days.

Present tension in Berlin started when Soviet-controlled police started raiding Western sectors of the city, repeatedly kidnapping Western sector German police and dragging them into the Soviet sector.

Soviet soldiers backed the Soviet zone German police when hundreds of Germans stoned the German police who were trying to raid Potsdamer Platz for black marketeers.

The British and American Military Government installed armed patrols to repel these raiders, turning Potsdamer Platz into a "no man's land" with barbed wire barricades.

**Police Chief Arrested**  
Late today the chief of the Soviet-controlled criminal police, Franz Erdmann, was arrested by British sector police at the Olympic Stadium while watching a boxing match.

It was not immediately known whether the arrest was a retaliatory measure for the Soviet abduction of Western sector police. It was believed Mr. Headen was arrested because he carried a camera. The Russians have been arresting everyone carrying a camera they could lay hands upon.—Associated Press.

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## US Incomes Still Soar

Washington, August 22.  
Individual incomes in the United States soared to the record breaking total of US\$1,000,000,000 in 1947, the United States Commerce Department said tonight.

The figure amounts to US\$1,323 for every man, woman and child in the nation. It is a nine per cent increase over the 1946 per capita income and 25 per cent over the war-time peak year of 1944.—Associated Press.

## RAIDERS MURDER PRIEST

Springgar, August 22.  
Raiders killed the Lama of Ganskar Padam Monastery, one of the biggest in the Ladakh Valley in Kashmir, after carrying him off to their headquarters at Kargil, according to the latest reports from Leh, the chief city of the Ladakh Valley.

The Lama was publicly shot after the raiders had failed to win him over, the reports said. The Ladakh district lies in southeastern Kashmir. Leh, the chief city of the Ladakh Valley, stands near the upper waters of the Indus, some 75 miles west of the Tibetan border.

Kargil is roughly 90 miles northwest of Leh and the same distance northwest of Springgar. According to Kashmir Government estimates, based on first hand information, the raiders have put to the sword about 100 Buddhists in the Ladakh Valley, desecrated and sacked Ringbon Gompa, the second biggest monastery in the district, and looted and destroyed several other monasteries.

They were said to have removed statues of the Buddha studded with precious stones, and priceless tapestries from those monasteries. The raiders were now concentrating on monasteries in the Nybra Valley, northwest of Leh.—Reuter.

## MECHANISATION

Paris, August 22.  
The French Minister of Agriculture announced today that several millions of francs would be used in the next few months to improve equipment in the agricultural machinery and fertilizer industries.

He appealed in a broadcast to farmers to keep prices at a reasonable level to avoid fresh inflation of the franc.—Reuter.

## STALIN EXPECTED TO SEE ENVOYS

London, August 22.  
Marshal Joseph Stalin is likely to receive the three Western envoys very soon, according to a French Foreign Office spokesman in Paris tonight.

The spokesman added that the interview—expected to be a crucial one in the attempt to solve the West-East deadlock over the German problem—might take place tomorrow, or even tonight.

In Berlin, meanwhile, the rift between the Soviet Zone and Western Sectors police forces reached a new climax today with the arrest of Herr Franz Erdmann, Chief of the Russian Sector CID.

Here Erdmann was arrested by Western Sector police this afternoon while watching a boxing match in the British Sector, according to the Soviet-licensed German News Agency.

A British spokesman was not yet available to state the charges against Herr Erdmann. Mr. Johannes Stumm, Western police president, threatened three weeks ago to arrest Herr Erdmann on charges of kidnapping several Western Sector policemen at the time of the East-West split in the control of Berlin's police.

## Food Stocks

As the world awaited news from Moscow whether Russia and the Western powers would be able to come to an understanding on the Berlin issue, General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor in Germany, stated today that food stocks in the Western Sectors of the German capital were on the average sufficient for 35 days.

He made this statement in his fortnightly report published today.

A British Military Government spokesman also expressed optimism on the future food outlook, stating that the situation today compared favourably to the one existing immediately after the Soviet blockade of Berlin began.

In the Bizonal area, the August ration for normal consumers has been raised to 1,830 calories, and September rations for normal consumers would be slightly higher, General Clay's report said.

## Harvest Prospects

Harvest prospects in the Bizonal area are good and crops of rye and wheat should be about 30 per cent higher than in 1947.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced in Berlin tonight that Western Sector Berliners who want to register their ration cards in the Soviet Sector will not be given Western Sector ration cards in future.

A British food official declared that the Western Sector cards "might find their way into wrong hands." He added "the order does not alter the British Military Government's policy of not preventing any inhabitant of the Western Sectors from drawing his rations in the Soviet Sector, if he so wishes."—Reuter.

## Albania Puts Complaint In

London, August 22.  
Radio Tirana reports that Albania has protested to the United Nations about frontier violations and "nonstop provocations" by Greece.

A telegram from the Albanian Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Kapa, to the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, gives a total of 19 Greek soldiers killed in skirmishes on Albanian and Greek forces. It alleges that five incursions were made by Greek troops into Albania.

"These provocative acts demonstrate the aggressive and warlike intentions of the Greeks and their desire to maintain on the Albanian border a situation detrimental to peace, and to create trouble in the Balkans in violation of the high principles of the United Nations."

"These provocative acts also infringe world peace and security."

The Greek Foreign Minister, M. Constantin Tsaldaris, announced in Athens last night that Greece is lodging a strong protest to the United Nations against Albania, charging her with having allowed General Markos' guerrillas to regroup on Albanian soil after being defeated in the Grammos operations.—Reuter.

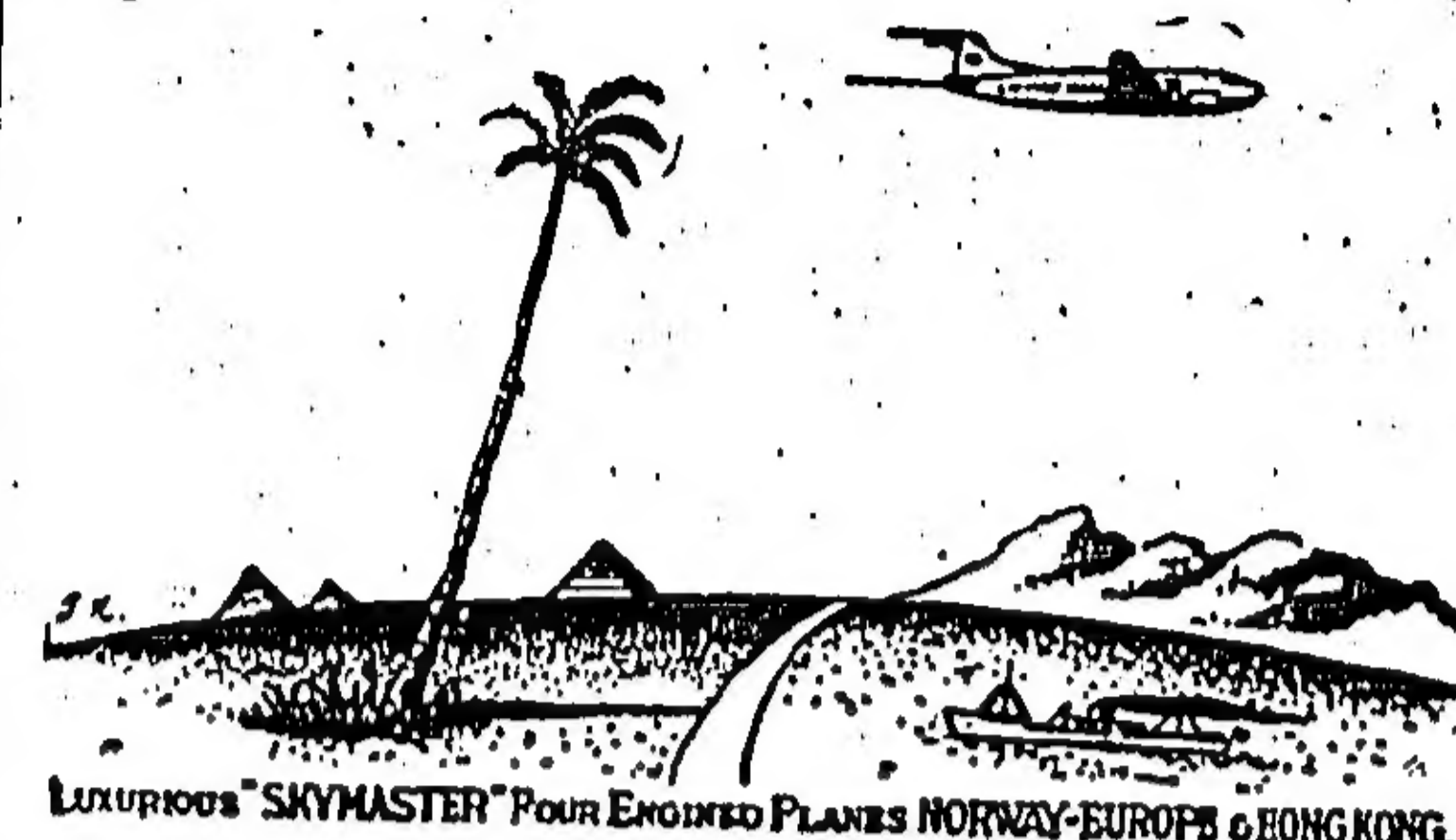
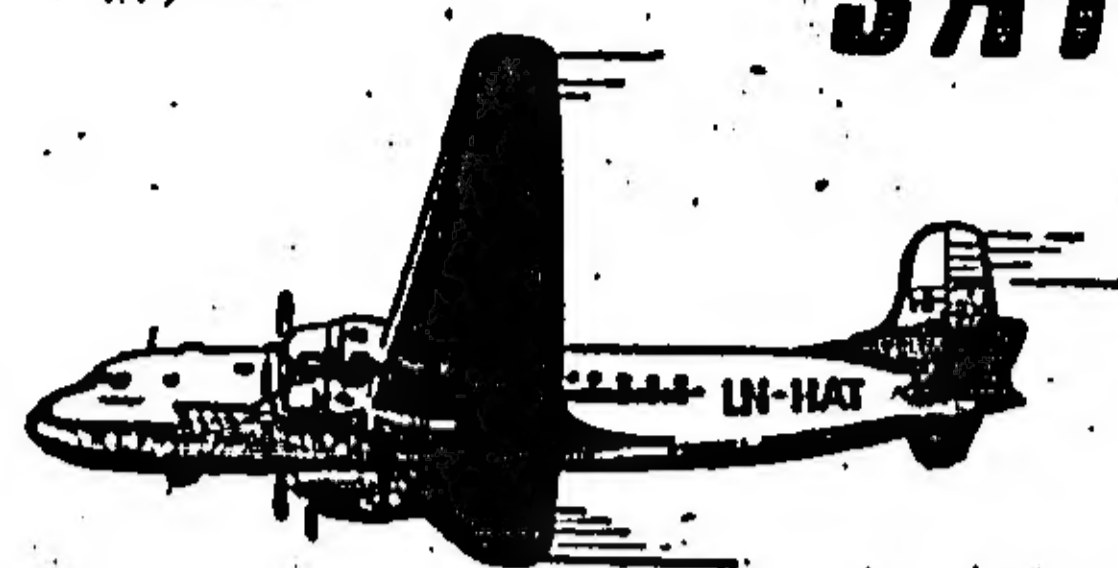
## COLD WAR STRATEGY

London, August 22.  
Pravda asserted today that the United States State Department is encouraging a campaign against Soviet citizens in the U.S. to cover up the failure of foreign policy.

Pravda said: "The strategy of the cold war literally rages in the U.S. 'The anti-Soviet campaign... is accompanied by unprecedented provocations against Soviet citizens on the part of white guard terrorist centres, which act on the direct orders of the American security and other American Government organs."

"Matters have reached the point which act on the direct orders of the American police, which do not shrink from direct violation of the legal rights and privileges of the Soviet consular representation in New York, are encouraged and protected by the U.S. State Department."—Associated Press.

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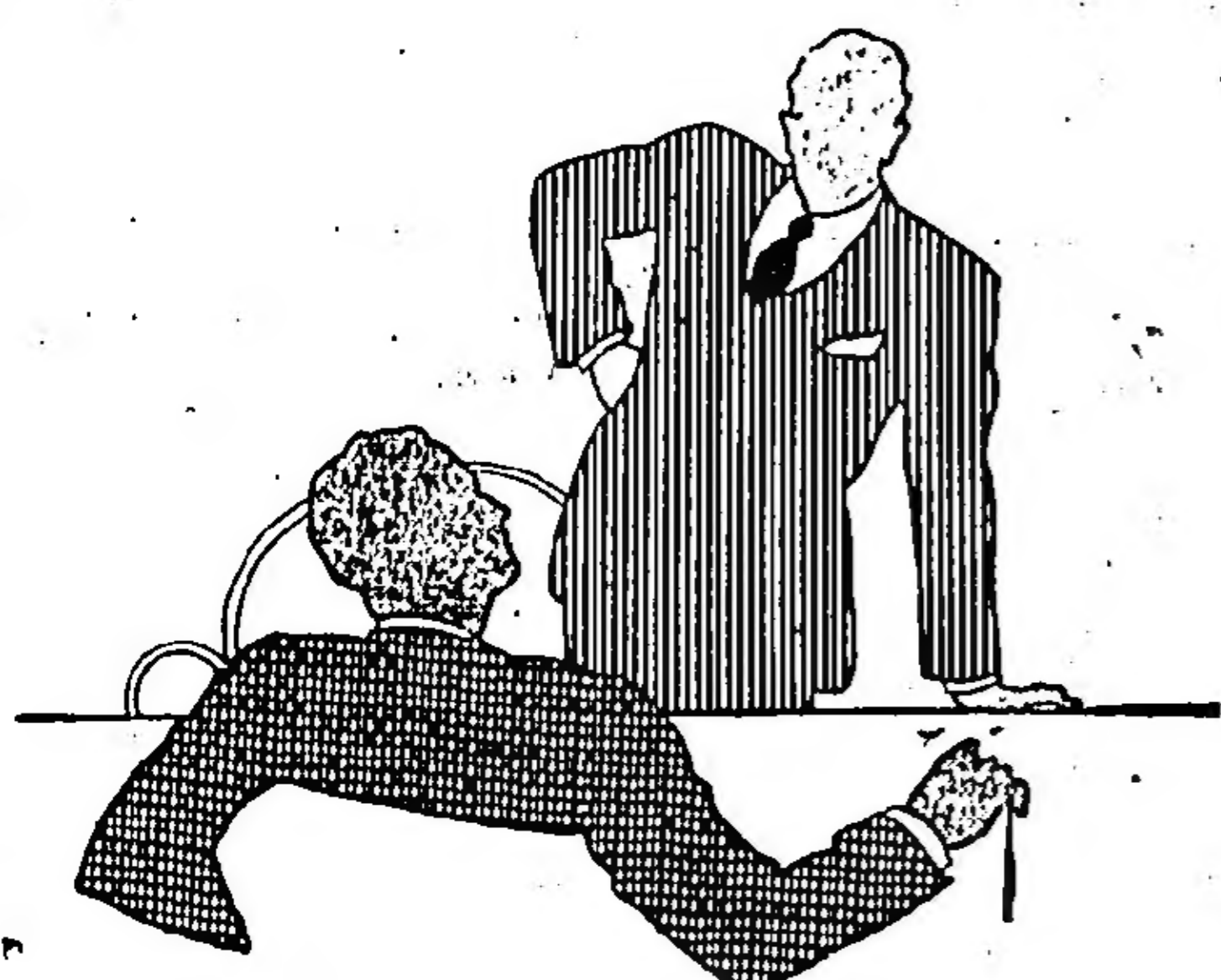
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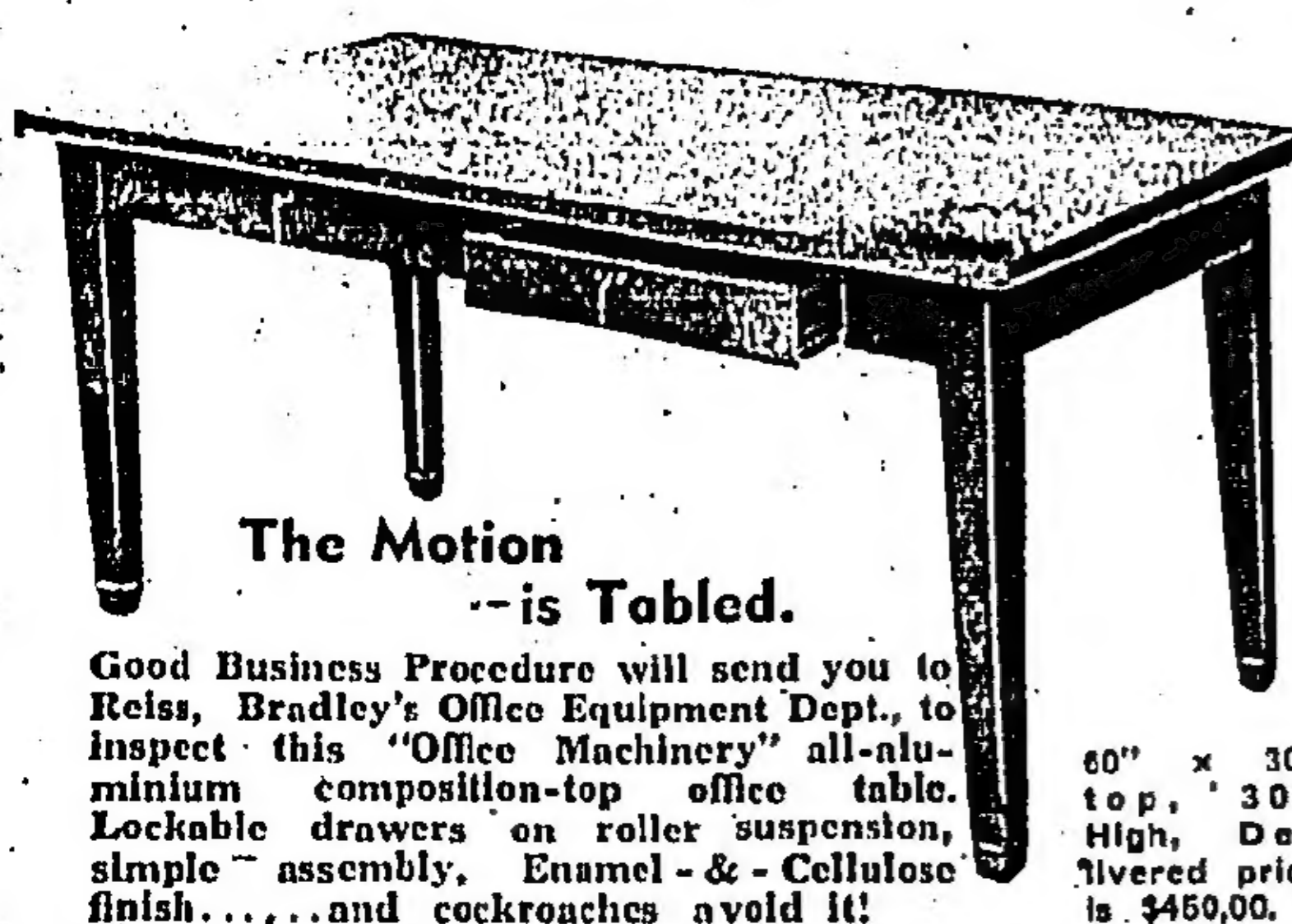
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## SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA: MORE STRINGENT REGULATIONS

London, August 22.

Greatly increased radio aids, more stringent safety requirements, and the installation in all large ships of direction finding apparatus, form the main points of the new Convention drawn up at the International Conference on Safety of Life at Sea, held in London from April 23 to June 10.

The Convention is to come into force on January 1, 1951, provided that, a year before that date, the 15 nations—seven of them with not less than 1,000,000 tons of shipping—have accepted it.

The Convention recommends more comprehensive requirements with regard to structural fire protection and fire fighting equipment in passenger ships, and lays down that fire fighting appliance requirements shall be applied not only to passenger ships, but also to cargo ships of 500 gross tons. These will be inspected every two years. Passenger ships with international voyage certificates must not travel more than 600 miles, or, in special cases, 1,200 miles, and then only subject to special conditions.

Every ship must carry a life boat or boats fitted with radio, or provide portable radio for use in the lifeboats. All passenger ships and cargo ships over 1,600 gross tons must carry at least one motorboat or, a mechanically propelled lifeboat. In future a continuous radio watch on the distress frequency,

either by an operator or by anti-alarm, must be maintained by all ships over 1,000 gross tons. All cargo ships of between 500 and 1,600 gross tons must be fitted with wireless. All vessels over 1,600 tons must carry direction finding apparatus. The Conference recommended that radio should be carried by coasting ships and fishing vessels on voyages in the open sea. —Reuter.

## LOMAKIN WARNED

Washington, August 22.

Mr. Jacob Lomakin, Soviet Consul General in New York, faces deportation if he refuses or ignores the United States order to leave the country immediately.

His expulsion was ordered by President Truman for "highly improper" conduct in the case

## West Java Bandit Outrage

Batavia, August 22.

A bandit gang—between 20 and 30 strong—attacked and derailed a goods train near Poerwakarta in West Java last night, killing five out of the train's all-Indonesian crew of 26.

Seven of the crew and the guard were wounded and the other 13 are missing. The bandits tore up 60 yards of track. The train's two engines, a tender and a wagon, toppled over into a gorge. Railway workers are sent from Bandung today to repair the damage, which was estimated at three million guilders. —Reuter.

## POLITICS BEGINNING

New York, August 22.

Mr. Henry Wallace today charged President Truman and the Missouri Democrats with trying to steal the State's election in November.

The Third Party Presidential candidate charged that the ruling yesterday by the Missouri Secretary of State Mr. Edgar Nelson, that the Progressive Party is not entitled to a place in the Missouri ballot, "is a bold-faced effort to steal the Missouri election."

Mr. Wallace said: "I warn Mr. Truman the people of his State are in no mood to tolerate any more stolen elections." He said Mr. Nelson also had announced that the Democratic State primary vote exceeded the Republic primary vote by only 18,000.

"Obviously Pendergast (former Kansas City Democratic political boss) and Truman are frightened by the sweeping support which the Progressive Party is winning among the hundreds of thousands of Republicans, Democrats and Independent voters. It is significant that the Secretary of State waited until it became obvious that our drive was going way over the top before he ruled us off the ballot." —United Press.

## Clashes Round Rangoon

Rangoon, August 22.

Burmese troops today repulsed insurgent forces in a small village near Syriam oil depot, on the Rangoon river, opposite Rangoon, a Government communiqué said.

Troops occupied Moulmein Gyun, in the Delta 65 miles southwest of Rangoon, capturing 100 insurgents, and Allammyo, a small town 180 miles north of the capital.

Other clashes were also reported in the Delta area. Government reinforcements were being sent to Ramree Island, in the Arakan, the communiqué added. —Reuter.

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## HUXLEY URGES YOGA INVESTIGATION

London, August 22.

Julian Huxley believes western science should study Yoga to see what it holds for all mankind.

The Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation told the New World Federation for Mental Health it might well look into the mystic lore of the East.

If this lore could be investigated scientifically, he advised mental specialists, "then I think an immense step forward could be made in your field."

"We know that certain people, if given the time and energy to do it, can train themselves to do very remarkable things," he explained in an interview later.

"Certain people can go into a trance. Certain people can control their breathing. Certain people can gradually arrive at a state of mystical exaltation."

"So far the physiology of that has never been investigated. What happens? How is it possible?" He said the best way to find out probably would be for a group of young scientists to turn themselves into guinea pigs, learn the Oriental techniques and then investigate one another.

They might find, he went on, that only certain types of people could master these techniques, or they might find that everybody could.

Dr. Huxley spoke at the first mental health assembly of the Federation, formed during the international congress on mental health, which closed yesterday.

Birth Pangs

Dr. Lawrence Frank told a closing session of the congress to quit worrying about the world situation. It is just "the birth pangs of 'the new way of life,'" he said.

Dr. Frank, Director of the Carline Zachry Institute of Human Development in New York City, said present-day conflicts between parties and countries are just signs of "resistance to long overdue changes in society" and "failure to recognise and accept the new way of life."

Social order is breaking down everywhere, Dr. Frank noted, and forms of government are being thrown into disarray, often by force.

## Sales Tax Warning

Washington, August 22.

The chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Mr. Howard McGrath, said today that Republicans planned to push a sales tax through the next session of Congress to help "their rich campaign contributors."

In a formal statement, Mr. McGrath urged voters not to be misled by the Republican description of the levy as a broad base excise tax, and said a fair tax system remained and it was under the "more clearly understood term 'sales tax.'"

"It would place the major share of the tax burden on low- and middle-income families and let the wealthy escape their fair share of taxation," he said. —United Press.

## Homes For Heroes

London, August 22.

Radio Ankara reports that the Turkish Olympic wrestling champion will each receive a house and a garden from the Istanbul Town Council in recognition of their London Olympiad successes.

A National Committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of Education, Mr. Tahsin M. Banguoglu, has also been formed to raise funds to reward the wrestlers. —Reuter.

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# HOLLAND'S BIG DAY

## Plans For Accession Of Queen Juliana

### Woman Questioned In Red Hunt

Washington, August 22.  
It was revealed today that Government spy investigators have secretly questioned Mrs. Alger Hiss, wife of a former State Department official accused of belonging to a pre-war Communist underground.

They have decided against publication of her testimony and will not bring her to the witness stand at the open hearing. "We have heard Mrs. Hiss and there is absolutely no comment on her testimony," said Representative Richard M. Nixon, member of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Hiss was brought into the spy hearings by Whittaker Chambers, reformer Communist and now senior editor of "Time" magazine. He named Hiss as a member of a secret group of "elite" Communists. Hiss has denied the charges but unlike Chambers, he has declined to take the lie detector test, at least for the time being.

Chambers said that Mrs. Hiss shared her husband's double life as top State Department official and underground Communist. The Committee hoped to check part of the magazine editor's story through her testimony. Hiss has admitted that he knew Chambers in 1934 and 1935 and that for a short period the two families lived together in one apartment. But he insists he knew him only as a free lance writer named "George Crosley."

—United Press.

### Novel Rally In London

London, August 22.  
A former British naval lieutenant, Mr. O. A. Denly, who once crossed the Alps in his invalid chair, led today a procession at a rally in Richmond Park, near London—probably the first rally of the kind in the world.

One party had travelled 273 miles on their tricycles from the North of England to participate in the rally. The programme of competitions included a slow tricycle race, driving skill test, an obstacle race, an egg and spoon race, and a repair race which involved changing sparking plugs within a specific time.

A couple who have suffered from infantile paralysis from childhood won the prize for the best kept vehicle with the double seat tricycle they used on their honeymoon two years ago. —Reuter.

### To Be Proclaimed Next Week

Amsterdam, August 22.

The accession of Queen Juliana to the throne of the Netherlands will be proclaimed by the Royal Herald immediately Queen Wilhelmina officially abdicates on September 4.

That same afternoon, the new Queen will make her first official tour of the Dutch capital, driving in the cream coach given by the late Queen Emma to Queen Wilhelmina on her investiture as Queen in 1898.

Officers of the former Cavalry regiments in full dress and a mounted guard of honour of Amsterdam citizens in ceremonial robes will accompany the new Queen on her seven-mile drive through the city.

The actual investiture of the new Queen will take place on September 4. This is by no means a Coronation, for although a magnificent jewelled crown will be on the table in front of the throne during the whole of the ceremony, it will not be placed on the Queen's head and no reference will be made to it.

The reasons for this are twofold: First, the crown is regarded in Holland as being the personal property of King Willem Frederick and hence, is at the most only a symbol of Royal dignity and not a constitutional possession.

Second, religious difficulties have always weighed against a coronation which is essentially a religious ceremony to be performed by a high spiritual authority.

### Royal Pomp

But all the ingredients of Royal pomp will be present at the ceremony—an imposing throne, a gem-studded robe, a jewelled crown and the orb and sceptre, magnificent uniforms, mighty banners, colourful processions, State trumpets, and all the traditional paraphernalia.

For weeks, an army of workmen has been preparing the Nieuwe Kerk (New Church) in the Dam Square opposite to the Royal Palace for the investiture ceremony.

Neglected portions of this church, almost the oldest church in Holland, and the treasures hidden away during the war, have been restored. Murals have been cleaned and priceless windows replaced in their former positions.

A sober but spectacular scheme of decoration has been devised for the church building to accentuate its historic dignity and to throw into relief the brilliant colour of the procession and the ceremonial.

### Ancient Carillon

Investiture Day will begin officially at 8 o'clock in the morning, when a Royal salute of 102 guns,

## MALAYA MENACED FROM SIAMESE BORDER

Singapore, August 22.  
Reports of armed concentrations of Chinese in Siam near the Malayan border have been the subject of long conference between Sir Alexander Newbould, acting High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya, and General Sir Nigel Ritchie, the Commander-in-Chief, South East Asia Land Forces, it was reported here tonight.

Residents of Kelantan, the northeastern Malay State bordering the Siamese Isthmus territory, are said to have complained of the inadequate frontier defences.

From the main Malayan border post of Rantau Panjang, a column of green uniformed Chinese was reported in Sungai Golok, a Siamese frontier post a mile and a half away.

Within 10 miles of the frontier are innumerable Chinese-owned rubber estates and gold mines. The Straits Times reported today that Kelantan was open to a serious threat from armed Chinese forces concentrated within five or 10 miles on the Siamese side of the frontier.

There was talk of the frontier villages of at least five groups of armed Chinese in the Siamese jungle, each of 300 to 400 men. High Government officials and police authorities in Kota Bharu, a north-eastern Malayan port some 10 miles from the Siamese frontier, declined to comment on these reports. —Reuter.

### Chinese Form Auxiliary Unit

Singapore, August 22.  
The Malayan Government has granted a request of Johore Chinese to form a Chinese Auxiliary Police Force, according to the "Lat Pau". The paper said that the Government will provide arms and ammunition and also grant compensation for injury and death in the course of duty. Earlier, at a meeting of Chinese associations in the State, a pro-

### Wartime Censorship In Malaya

Singapore, August 22.  
The authorities today moved a step closer to wartime censorship in Malaya as a result of the drive to quell Communist-led insurgents.

A Government announcement said news reporters will not normally be permitted to accompany forces on operations unless they are prepared to have their copy approved by the police or the Service authority concerned, before publication.

Six weeks ago, when two correspondents accompanied troops and police during field operations in the Kuala Lumpur area, their stories were checked by a Government public relations officer, but no changes were made. The public relations officer said the check was made only to determine whether it was wise to permit correspondents to accompany the forces.

The new regulations, which the Government announcement said had been decided upon by the "local defence committee in the Federation of Malaya," said photographs taken during operations in which police participate "must be vetted by police authorities before publication." It is understood this is being done to prevent publication of the pictures of police informers and plain clothes detectives. The announcement said the army is putting its public relations on a wartime basis. —Associated Press.

### Burma Will Never Surrender

Bangkok, August 22.  
The acting Burmese Foreign Minister, Sao Khun Khio, who arrived here by air today to lead a Burmese goodwill mission to Siam, declared tonight: "Burma will never surrender to Communism." He told Reuter that the Communist insurgent forces had already been suppressed in many districts and the Government was now in control of the situation, although, the pacification of the entire country would take some time. The nine-member Burmese mission, which includes U Ba Gyan, Minister of Justice and Hanandi U Mya, Chairman of the National Planning Board, will formally exchange notes with the Siamese Government prior to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. —Reuter.

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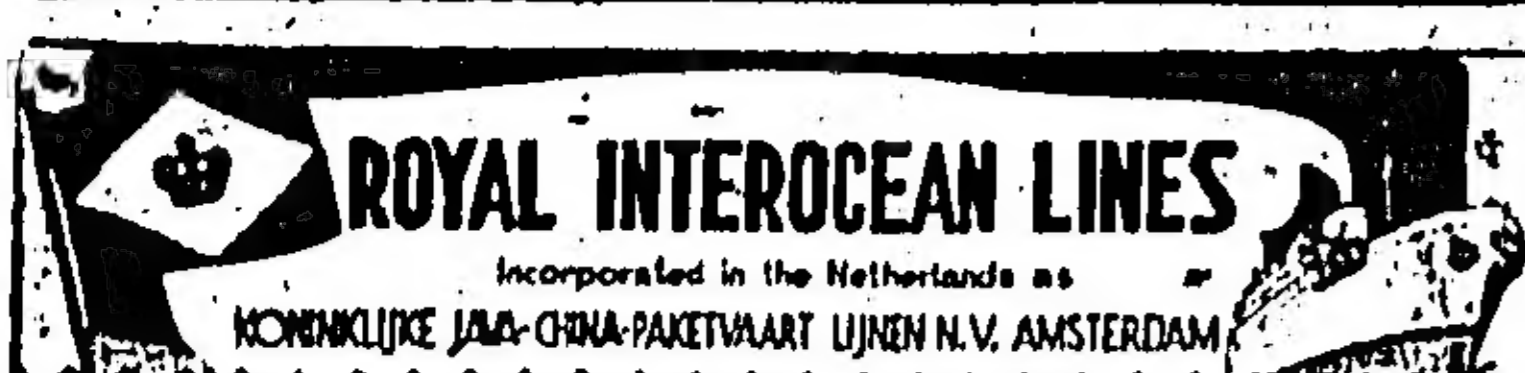
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S.S. "BENLAVERS"	U.K.	Mid Sept.
S.S. "BENQUACHAN"	U.K.	Early Oct.

SHIP	TO	READY
S.S. "BENLAVERS"	(Colombo) (Aden, Port Said)	Mid. Sept.
S.S. "BENVOLICH"	(London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg)	Oct.
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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# SHANGHAI REVERTS TO THE POCKET WALLET: NEW MONEY

## Hong Kong Stock Exchange

Today there was a further rally in the market, accompanied by a slight strengthening of rates.  
H.K. GOVT. 3.5% 100.  
4% Loan 100.  
5% Loan (1934) 100.  
5% Loan (1938) 101 1/2.  
H.K. & S. Bank 200th, 200th, 200th.  
H.K. & S. Bank (Loan, 100) 422 1/2.  
Chartered Bank 421 1/2.  
Merrill Lynch 421 1/2.  
Bank of East Asia 100.  
INSURANCES  
Canton Ins. 35 1/2.  
Union Ins. 77 1/2, 78 1/2.  
China Underwriters 74 1/2.  
H.K. Fire Ins. 25 1/2, 25 1/2.  
SHIPPING  
Dunlop 27 1/2.  
H.K. & S. Steamships 17 1/2.  
Indo China (P&O) 24 1/2.  
Indo China (M&O) 24 1/2.  
Shells (M&O) 24 1/2.  
H. Waterhouse 25 1/2.  
DOCKERS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.  
H.K. & S. Wharves (N) 14 1/2.  
North Point Wharves 74 1/2.  
H.K. Docks 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2.  
China Dockers 21 1/2, 21 1/2, 21 1/2.  
Rural Dockyards 10.  
INDUSTRIALS  
Indo Mines 42 1/2.  
H.K. Mines 42 1/2.  
LAND, HOTELS & BLDGS.  
H.K. Hotels 16 1/2, 16 1/2, 16 1/2.  
H.K. Hotels 16 1/2.  
Shanghai Land 45 1/2, 45 1/2, 45 1/2.  
Humbly's Estates 19 1/2.  
H.K. Real Estate 18 1/2.  
Chinese Estates 16 1/2.  
PUBLIC UTILITIES  
H.K. Tramways 21 1/2, 21 1/2.  
Peak Tram (Old) 23 1/2 (New) 12 1/2.  
Star Ferry 15 1/2.  
C. Light (Old) 22 1/2, 22 1/2, 22 1/2.  
H.K. Electric 40 1/2, 41 1/2, 40 1/2.  
Macao Electric 24 1/2.  
Sandaun Light 18 1/2.  
Telephones 20.  
Shanghai Gas 4 1/2.  
INDUSTRIALS  
Cald Mac. (Old) 21.  
Canton Iron 7.  
Deposits 42 1/2, 42 1/2, 42 1/2.  
H.K. Ropes 17 1/2.  
STORES & CO.  
Dairy Farms (Old) 47 1/2.  
New (47 1/2, 47 1/2, 47 1/2).  
Watson (Old) 61 1/2, 61 1/2, 61 1/2.  
New (61 1/2, 61 1/2, 61 1/2).  
Lane, Crawford & Co. 52 1/2.  
Sincere 42 1/2.  
China Emporium X.D. 10 3/4.  
Sun Co. Ltd. 4 1/2.  
Kwong Sang Hong 17 1/2.  
Wing On (H.K.) 11 1/2.  
Wing Fong, Ltd. 12 1/2.  
MISCELLANEOUS  
China Entertainment 44.  
H.K. Constructions (O) 4 1/2 (N) 5.  
Wharf (Old) 16 1/2 (New) 16 1/2.  
Maraman Investments 18 1/2.  
Maraman (H.K.) 13 1/2.  
Shanghai Loan 4 1/2.  
COTTONS  
Twiss 14 1/2.  
RUBBER, ETC. COMPANIES.  
Anglo-Java 6 1/2.  
Cheng Rubbers 70.  
Consolidated Rubbers 1 1/2.  
Kata Rubbers 3 1/2.  
Padang Rubbers 12 1/2.  
Rubber Trusts 2 1/2.  
Siamrubbers Rubbers 35 1/2.  
Shanghai Rubber 2 1/2.  
Tang Merba 7 1/2, 7 1/2, 7 1/2.  
Tehong Rubbers 5 1/2.  
Zhanghe Rubbers 6 1/2.

Memories of the good old days were recalled when Shanghaianders woke up this morning to find their newspapers costing only 25 cents—instead of \$800,000—and one foreign store advertising a "10 Cents Sale."

Shanghai, will from today attempt to adapt itself to the new economy of dollars and cents after handling millions of dollars daily with reckless abandon.

Local banks reopened today after being closed since Thursday for the conversion of accounts from national dollars into gold yuan, and they are expected to do rushing business taking in piles of old money and doling out fistfuls of the new currency.

There will no doubt be a rush for subsidiary coins which are making their appearance in this country for the first time in a decade, but it is believed that most of the small money issued today will be in notes.

The old dollar will still remain in circulation for some time yet, and a large number of establishments will not act upon the quoting prices in the new money until they hear from their various guilds.

The man in the street will have the satisfaction of tucking his salary into his wallet again at the end of the month instead of carrying it home in a suitcase.

### Circular Order

In a circular order, meanwhile, the Central Bank notified all appointed banks to handle all transactions in exchange surrender certificates and foreign exchange as from today as follows:  
1. Exporters or others who surrender foreign exchange to the Central Bank through appointed banks out of export proceeds and/or otherwise, shall be paid in full in gold yuan at the

Shanghai, August 23.

## France's Free Economy

Paris, August 22.

Premier Andre Marie today called on the farmers of France to help the Government realise the new financial reforms proposed by the Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud.

"Speaking at Parentin, rich agricultural district near Paris, M. Marie said: 'My Government has asked for free economy. But I do not want the farmers to profit by our new price scheme. The freedom of economy must not drown our neighbours'."

His announcement followed the Government ruling lifting the prices of wheat, milk and meat which caused severe criticism by labour leaders.

The Minister of Agriculture M. Pierre Pillin, also underlined the necessity of co-operation by French farmers.

In a radio broadcast today, M. Pillin said the French agricultural products must meet French needs now and eventually be shipped abroad in exchange for raw materials, he added.—United Press.

## Rain Quenches Ardour

Paris, August 22.

The fourth anniversary of the liberation of Paris passed quietly today by ceremonies at the Arc de Triomphe and the city hall, but continual rain kept generally enthusiastic Parisians at home.

The Mayor of Paris, Pierre de Gaulle, brother of General Charles de Gaulle, reviewed a group of resistance leaders at the City Hall this morning.

All over the city, small celebrations were held in commemoration of the liberation. The Municipal police gave the order that street dancing throughout the city would be permitted on Saturday and today, but so far rain and cold kept the celebrations at a minimum.—United Press.

### Notice To Consignees

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## CANTON READY FOR THE NEW CURRENCY

Canton, August 22.

High civil, military and financial officials have met here at an emergency meeting to discuss the new currency reform just announced. The proceedings of the meeting have remained secret, but it is learned that the conference dealt with measures to ensure the smooth and successful running of the new currency here.

The meeting was held at the Canton Pacification Headquarters and was presided over by Lieut-General Huang Kheuchiu, the Headquarters' deputy director, and those present included Mayor Auyang Chu.

Meantime, the cost of living in Canton, already high, has soared again. Commodities have generally gone up by between 50 to 70 per cent, while rice itself has risen by some 40 per cent.

The local authorities have for long been known to be contemplating measures to control the rise in prices, and it is now reported that a committee has been formed to regulate the cost of such daily essentials as rice, meat, fuel and cooking oil.

Officers working under the Committee's control programme will, in addition to other duties, have the responsibility of preventing hoarding.—Reuter.

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## Dulles On GOP Policy

Amsterdam, August 22.

Mr. John Foster Dulles, the leading United States Republican foreign affairs expert who is to address the World Council of Churches, declared here today that the Republican Party would concentrate on peace and refused to have anything to do with war.

Mr. Dulles added that after returning to the United States next Thursday, he would discuss international political questions with Mr. Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican candidate at November's election for the Presidency of the United States but declined to comment on whether he would be appointed Secretary of State in the event of a Dewey election.—Reuter.

## Money Market

Gold remained steady yesterday, and buyers preponderated, though the price did not go up. Opening at \$324.00 a tael it went up to \$324.50 from which level it dropped to \$321.75 in the afternoon. At the close it was \$322.50.

Chinese National Currency, after opening at 4.3 cents for C\$10,000 for both futures and spot, remained stationary throughout the day, with people abstaining from buying or selling.

U.S. dollar notes were easier, dropping from \$5.45 in the morning to \$5.34 1/2 in the afternoon. T.T. was sold at \$5.24.

Plastres opened at \$11.95 and closed at \$11.77 1/2 a 100. Ticals showed a further improvement to \$26.50 a 100.

NYC. dollars opened at \$40.10 in the morning and went up to \$40.80 in the afternoon. Sterling was easy at \$14.08, and Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.74.

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"President Taft"	Sept. 13
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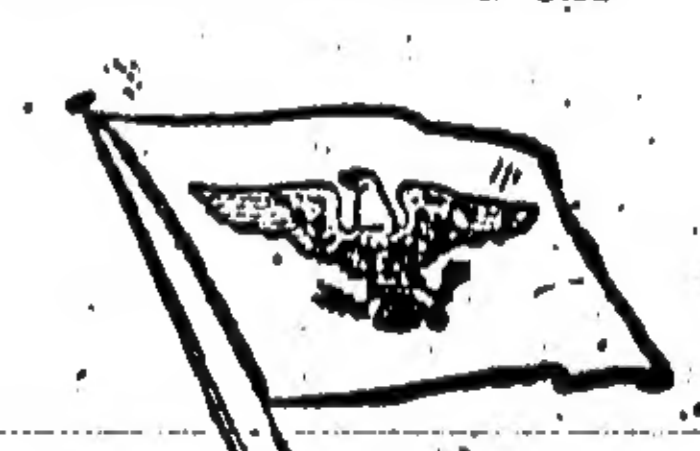
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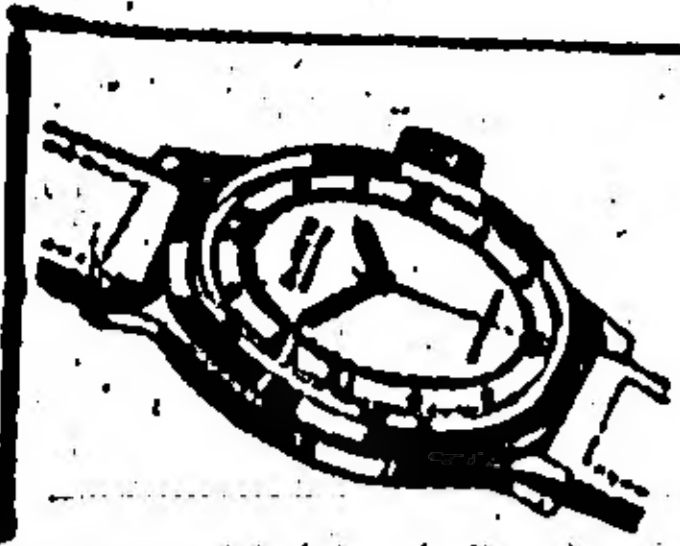
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## KENT SCORES ONLY 14-4 AGAINST AUSSIES' 361

### Czechs Lose Davis Cup Zone Final

Chestnut Hills, Mass., August 22.

Australia won the inter-zone Davis Cup tennis finals by three matches, to two when Aussie Bill Sidwell completed the defeat of the Czech, Vladimir Cernik, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 in the final singles.

Sidwell won the first set on Saturday evening following a marathon victory by the Czech, Jaroslav Drobny over the Aussie captain, Adrian Quist, a victory which took three and a half hours. Officials stopped the match with Sidwell leading the second set 3-1.

Sidwell, who was heavily favoured, picked up today where he left off on Saturday, scoring with precise placements. Cernik appeared somewhat nervous and was obviously upset when Sidwell called close decisions against him.

In the second set, Cernik played magnificently at a linesman who hesitated before calling the shot outside in the eighth game and the loudspeaker told the linesman, "Please speak up promptly and loudly and use hand signals."

**Shook His Head**  
In the ninth game of the second set, Cernik clapped his hands to his head and flushed angrily when the linesman gave the Aussie an advantage and stood in that way for several seconds.

He extended both his arms imploringly to the linesman who made the call, then said something not audible in the stands. Then he shook his head and exchanged glances with his coach before resuming play.

Cernik lost the third set as his anger at the officials plus bewilderment at some decisions caused him to fall into a series of errors which would have shamed a beginner. After the match, Cernik said, "I never saw such officials."

**Czech Comments**  
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Canterbury, August 23.  
The Australian cricket tourists were all out for 361 runs in their match against Kent and by lunch time, the county had scored only 14 runs for the loss of four wickets.

Although Kent did well to get rid of the Australians' six remaining wickets for 68 runs when play was resumed this morning, they themselves made a disastrous start in approximately 20 minutes batting before lunch, as they lost four wickets for only 14 runs.

### "So Sorry" He Pawned Typewriters

The managers of a number of local firms, both foreign and Chinese, received a most unpleasant surprise when they opened their morning mail on Saturday.

The unpleasant surprise came in the form of a pawn ticket for one of the firm's typewriters, which had been entrusted to a local typewriter concern for repair.

In each case, a letter, unsigned and written in Chinese, was attached to the pawn ticket. This letter contained expressions of regret over the fact that the typewriter had been pawned and concluded with a request that the owner forgive the person responsible for the pawning.

One firm, which had entrusted a new typewriter, worth approximately HK\$1,400, to the typewriter concern in question for the purpose of sale or return, did not receive any pawn ticket in respect of its typewriter, but only a letter stating that the typewriter had been pledged with a certain person, who was named, for HK\$750. It was suggested that if the firm concerned wished to obtain the return of its typewriter, it should send a representative to a certain address and give the person named the sum of HK\$750.

**INTERPORT PRACTICE**  
The Interport town bowlers had another practice game yesterday at the Kowloon Cricket Club prior to their departure for Shanghai next month. With E. Greenwood of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and A. M. Omar of the Craigengower Cricket Club making up a team, a rink composed of L. Sykes, W. Hony Sling, R. F. Luz and J. S. Landolt lost to A. M. Omar, E. Greenwood, T. A. Madar and C. S. Rossetti by the score of 9-18.

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The day had started well for Kent with Loxton and McCool back in the pavilion for the addition of four runs to Saturday's total.

Dovey enticed Loxton into giving Valentine a catch and immediately the new ball came along. McCool chopped a delivery from Crush on to the stumps.

Jan Johnson had a brief but merry spell until he was leg before to Todd, who was somewhat of a costly bowler. Ames then brought off two good catches to get rid of Lindwall and Hamence, the latter having hit two and a quarter hours for 38.

The innings closed when Dovey claimed a third success of the morning, Ridgway making a catch.

Interest in the match was shown by the closing of the gates soon after noon with 20,000 people on the ground. They soon saw, and Kent players felt, some real fast bowling from Lindwall.

His fourth delivery struck Todd on the foot and his fifth shattered the wicket, a single from Ames became five when Bradman overthrew and then Ames hooked Lindwall for four.

At 11 however, King was bowled like his opening partner for a duck and one run later Lindwall somersaulted Pauson's off-stump. Ames, attempting another hook was caught behind the wicket and lunch was taken before Australia had time to complete getting half the side out.

**Scores**  
Australia—1st innings  
Morris c Evans b Dovey 43  
Brown c Evans b Ridgway 106  
Bradman c Valentine b Crush 65  
Harvey b Ridgway 60  
Loxton c Valentine b Dovey 16  
Hamence c Ames b Ridgway 38  
McCool b Crush 0  
Jan Johnson b Todd 15  
Lindwall c Ames b Dovey 13  
Singers c Ridgway b Dovey 8  
Bill Johnston not out 3  
Extras 3  
Total 361

**BOWLING**  
Ridgway 41 10 119 3  
Crush 15 1 82 1  
Todd 17 3 51 1  
Dovey 30 13 50 4  
Davies 10 5 10 0  
Byes one, leg-byes two.  
Fogg b Johnston 0  
Todd b Lindwall 0  
Ames c Singers b Johnston 1  
Pauson b Lindwall 1  
Davies not out 1  
Extras 1  
Total (for 4) 14  
—Reuter.

**NEW CREW AND NAME FOR PROSPER**  
The 4000-ton motorship *Prosper* left Hong Kong for Singapore yesterday with new personnel, but each having more than 20 years' experience at sea.

The new crew, headed by Mr. Chee Seng-tek, an "old China hand" who has more than 22 years' experience along the China and Malayan coasts, were formerly in the steamer *Prosper*, which ended her short career with Everett Steamship Corporation on August 16. They are all Chinese and have been serving with various shipping companies in Hong Kong. They include stewards, checkers and cooks.

The *Prosper*, with Mr. Juan P. Santos as master, arrived from Manila with 600 tons of general cargo for the colony. She has herself an Asiatic crew complement of 70, mostly Filipinos. The 4000-tonner flies the Philippine flag.

The former commander and his staff, meanwhile are awaiting here for their new assignment by the Everett Steamship Corporation.

**RUGBY UNION TOURNAMENT**  
London, August 22.  
The dates for the inter-services Rugby Union tournament during the coming season have now been arranged.

They are: February 12, Royal Navy v Royal Air Force; March 5, Royal Navy v Army; March 25, Army v Royal Air Force.

All matches will be played at Twickenham. —Reuter.



Forty-two members of the Korean Olympic Team arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by a Drapath's plane. They are returning to Korea. During their stay in Hong Kong they will play a series of exhibition basketball matches in Hong Kong. (China Mail Photo.)

## St Leger Punters Are In A Quandary

London, August 22.

Leger is run, backers have been put in a quandary by the betting market fluctuations of the favourite, My Love, by the heavy support for his stable champion, Royal Drake, and by the failure of the former second favourite, My Babu, to stay one and a half miles at Goodwood last week.

Rumours concerning My Love seem to have spread all over the world judging by messages Reuter has received from many countries. While bookmakers extended the price of My Love to as much as five to one during the week, the colts' trainer, Richard Carver, insists that all is well with the favourite. He told Reuter that he is completely mystified by the market opposition to his charge. He attributed it to a "bookmakers' manoeuvre".

My Love will not run at Doncaster as he is to use his own words, "all bunkum."

**Royal Drake**  
"I only hope he is as well on St. Leger day as he is now," he added.

All the same, backers are persistently supporting Royal Drake, who was runner-up behind him at Epsom. A ten to one chance last week, Royal Drake is now at shorter odds, and may displace My Babu as second favourite after the latter's poor display at Goodwood.

My Babu confirmed for the many critics who have suspected his stamina the fact that he does not stay by being virtually beaten out of first place by the Ascot Gold Vase winner. Despite this, his trainer, "Sam" Armstrong, said after the Goodwood race that he thought his owner would let him take his chance at Doncaster.

Estee, an out and out stayer, is rated in France as being six lengths inferior to My Love, and My Babu's chances, should he run, can now be considered negligible.

**Trial Plate**  
There is sure to be a tightening up in the market for such as Noor and Black Tarquin, who are both reported to be pleasing in their preparation for the big race. The former with Gordon Richards up, moved well this week when he had his first gallop over the full distance of Britain's classic, the success in the Middle St. Leger Trial Plate at Birmingham.

Of Mrs. Martin Benson's colt Count Rendored has caused his price to shrink from 50 to 1 to half those odds.

In this one mile five furlongs race—a faring shorter than the St. Leger—Count Rendored beat two other well fancied St. Leger outsiders in Captain Fox and Ottomann. Although the latter was giving 11 pounds to the winner and seven pounds to Captain Fox, he was running well at the finish and can be considered to have run a good trial, but Count Rendored impressed many with the manner in which he accelerated two furlongs from the finish. —Reuter.

**LEADS CHOICE**  
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If blame is to be laid at the doors of the selectors, it could be seen in the choice for the Leeds match where Australia were set the task of getting 404 runs in the fourth innings, a feat never accomplished by any team before. But because so-called all-rounders had been put in the side, there was no real left-arm slow bowler available to rout the Australians on a pitch that would definitely have paid dividends for that type of attack.

It was a blunder and the game's history book will tell how Australia broke records by getting the runs to win that match. But, a blunder or not, it does not solve

## INQUEST INTO MURDER OF ENGLISH CRICKET

London, August 22.

An inquest always follows a murder and while it may be a strong term to apply to so sedate a game as cricket, England's players were virtually "murdered" by the Australians in the Test series this season, not to mention the succession of wins against county sides, and the inquest is duly taking place.

A verdict of guilty may not be brought in against any one individual or against a group of such men as the selectors, but if a severe reprimand is handed out to English cricket generally with a warning that unless there is a decided reformation, the penalty will be more severe next time, some benefit may come.

The punishment could even be a decision by overseas countries that unless English cricket showed a big improvement they would not be too enthusiastic about visits.

That is perhaps a sweeping statement, but looking at the more recent tours England's cricket has been covered with backcloth and ashes and they are not the famed Ashes of success in Test cricket.

The lack of vitamins in British rationed food can no longer be given as the reason for defeat and the truth must be faced, that England never looked a good Test XI in this year's series. Efforts were made to play all-rounders which resulted in several men being included who were definitely below test standard.

It should have been realised at the start of the series that England had no top class all-rounders and so the best batsmen and the best bowlers should have been chosen.

**Length Of Tail**  
England's best bowlers are definitely poor batsmen and few of the recognised batsmen are really "class" bowlers. The selectors were obviously worried about the length of the tail and so by including only moderate all-rounders who might be relied upon for a few runs, they had to leave out bowlers.

A long term policy of giving encouragement to youngsters and enabling them to receive the opportunities of entering big cricket is necessary. At present there are indications that county cricket is not high enough to produce real Test class players.

One glaring example of this is the lack of a real pace bowler in English cricket so that Test players faced Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller with little or no experience of fast bowling. It is easy to see, therefore, how necessary it is to search every possible area for young players with signs of possessing such bowling qualities and then to encourage them into cricket's top flight.

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**County Championship**  
Unless Yorkshire win the county cricket championship for the 23rd time, there appears an excellent chance that this season's exciting race will end with the honours going to a side not normally in such exalted circles.

Surveys who have come into a favourite position by a late start, have gained 100 runs in the past, but their last championship honours were achieved in 1914.

Derbyshire, who still stand a chance after being well-in the running all the season, have only one former successes to their credit, the last being in 1930 when they broke a lengthy period of domination by Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Undoubtedly, there would be general pleasure should Glamorgan's splendid season end by their taking the county title to Wales. Glamorgan became a first class county only after the first World War, and their previous highest finishing position is sixth in 1940. —Reuter.

**Edinburgh's 2nd Music Festival**  
Edinburgh, August 22.  
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## BOSTON'S TWO GAME LEAD

New York, August 22.

Power proved more valuable than speed today when Boston Braves used a two-run homer by Clint Corbin to beat Brooklyn Dodgers 4-3 and thus take a two game lead in the National League.

Dodgers stole eight bases and nearly stole the ball game, but Corbin lofted the ball 380 feet into the left centre field stands in the eighth inning with Jeff Heath on base to give Braves the win.

St. Louis Cardinals, with a chance to take second place away from Dodgers, committed two errors in the tenth inning and dropped their game to Pittsburgh Pirates 4-1. Elnor Riddle, who started the winning rally with a single, got his tenth win as Babe Young and County Slaughter made errors. Ray Dusk homered for St. Louis' only run.

New York Giants took a double header from Philadelphia Phillies, 3-4 and 3-0, the second game being called in the last half of the fifth because of rain and darkness. Monte Kennedy was the winner and Dutch Leonard the loser in the second game. In the opener, Giants walloped West Dubois for five runs in the first inning and coasted home with Sheldon Jones hitting his 13th wh. Bob Thomson homered for Giants.

**Cubs' Rampage**  
Last-place Chicago Cubs went on a 12-hit rampage against seventh-place Cincinnati Reds for a 10-3 victory. Bill Nicholson of Cubs hit his 11th homer and Hank Sauer of Reds clouted his 25th. Lefty Johnny Schmitz giving up eight hits, gained his 14th win for Chicago.

In perhaps the most surprising event of the season in the American League, the pacesetter Indians lost both ends of a double header to last place White Sox, 8-1 and 4-3. The twin split Indians lead over second place Red Sox to only half a game. Joe Haynes and Howe Judson held the Indians in check in the first game, while White Sox routed Red Sox who were tagged with his 14th loss.

Red Sox, with five-hit pitching by Mickey Harris, downed Washington Senators 4-1. Bobby Deerr's 23rd homer with one man on and Don DiMaggio's two run single led Red Sox to bat.

Vic Raschi pitched a brilliant four-hitter to give New York Yankees a 10-0 win over Philadelphia Athletics. The game was rained out. It was Raschi's 17th win, and he also drove in three runs on a double with bases loaded.

Fred Sanford of St. Louis Browns, twirled a three-hitter to beat Detroit Tigers 10-1. Browns made 15 hits with Gerry Preddy hitting a homer, double and single. Hal Neybouser, the first of Tiger pitchers, suffered his ninth loss.

The scores were:  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Boston Braves 4 12 2  
Brooklyn Dodgers 3 7 1  
Cincinnati Reds 3 8 1  
Chicago Cubs 10 12 1  
Pittsburgh Pirates 4 8 0  
St. Louis Cardinals 1 9 3  
Philadelphia Phillies 4 6 1  
New York Giants 9 10 1  
Philadelphia Phillies 0 3 1  
(second game)  
New York Giants 3 7 0

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Washington Senators 1 5 1  
Boston Red Sox 4 8 0  
St. Louis Browns 10 15 1  
Detroit Tigers 1 3 1  
Chicago White Sox 8 12 2  
Cleveland Indians 1 8 3  
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Philadelphia Athletics 0 4 3

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**TEN-DAY PURGE IN YUGOSLAVIA REPORTED**  
Belgrade, August 22.  
It was reliably reported today that hundreds of Yugoslavs, including 50 members of the secret police, had been arrested in a ten-day purge of persons suspected of supporting the Cominform against Marshal Tito.

The purge began after the arrest on August 4 of four members of the traditionally pro-Russian government of Montenegro Province, including the Vice-Premier, Bozov Yumovitch.

Also reported arrested were Labud Kusovac, former Yugoslav press officer at the United Nations and foreign editor of the official Tanjug news agency, and Blago Rajcevic, Montenegrin doctor of law and pre-war Communist leader.

Kusovac, who, in addition to his other duties, was bureau chief in the Yugoslav Foreign Office, was arrested while on holiday in Northern Yugoslavia.

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